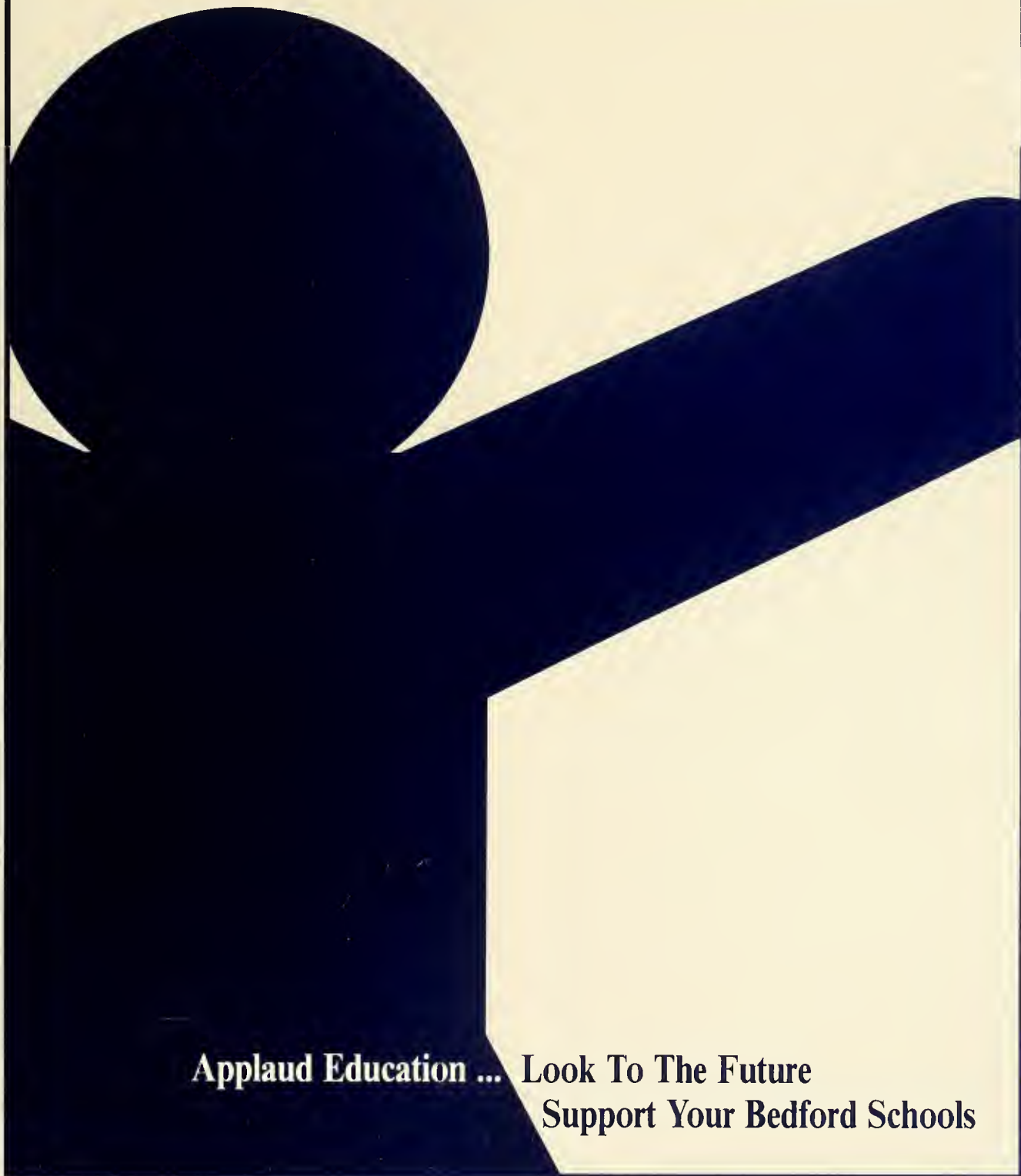


**Bedford, New Hampshire
1997 School District Annual Report**



**Applaud Education ... Look To The Future
Support Your Bedford Schools**

This Annual Report is dedicated to
Maureen Kelley, School Board Member
and
Steve Brindisi, McKelvie School Teacher
who will be remembered
for their dedication to the children of Bedford.



*Maureen Kelley ...
Nine years of exemplary service on the
Bedford School Board.*



*Steve Brindisi ...
Seventeen years of dedicated teaching
in the Bedford School District.*

*"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams,
and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined,
he will meet with ... success."*

. Henry David Thoreau

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS

for the year ending June 30, 1997

DISTRICT OFFICERS

Moderator

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Treasurer

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School Board

Daniel Sullivan, Chairman 1998

Paul Brock, Vice Chairman 1999

Thomas Johnson 1999

Cindy Chagnon 2000

Rodney Bossert 2000

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NOTICE OF NONDISCRIMINATION

Applicants for admission and employment, students, parents, employees, sources of referral of applicants for admission and employment, and all unions or professional organizations holding collective bargaining or professional agreements with the Bedford School District are hereby notified that this district does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, handicap, disability or marital status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Any person having inquiries concerning the Bedford School District's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504, or ADA is directed to contact Business Administrator Pauline Armstrong, c/o SAU #25, 103 County Road, Bedford, NH 03110, telephone (603) 472-3755, who has been designated by the Bedford School District to coordinate the district's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, Section 504, and ADA.

REPORT OF THE BEDFORD SCHOOL BOARD

Daniel Sullivan, Chairman

The Bedford School Board's role continues to be to assist our administration and staff to reach higher educational achievement levels for our students across the district.

The district has embarked on a rigorous curriculum and assessment program which will challenge our students to greater educational success. The staff and administration have embraced this program positively, and it is expected that the fruits of their efforts will be evident by the beginning of the 1998-99 academic year.

Due to serious growth in the number of students, our schools face serious space problems in the very near future. The school board has examined student population projections and they indicate the need for an additional elementary school. The board has created a Steering Committee to review all of the data available and advise us as to the following issues: (1) site selection and suitability; (2) grade configuration; (3) educational specifications for such a school; (4) cost estimates based on current construction costs; and (5) feasibility of a year round education option.

DID YOU KNOW?

- All three schools again received Blue Ribbon School Achievement Awards for outstanding volunteer support from parents and community.
- The primary unit (PWS and Memorial) was designated as NH's Distinguished Title I School for 1996 by the US Department of Education.



*Bedford School Board: (left to right)
Tom Johnson, Dan Sullivan, and Rod Bossert (standing);
Cindy Chagnon and Paul Brock (seated).*

The Steering Committee is composed of two town council members, parents, community representatives, school board members, engineers, and a consulting architect. It is the board's expectation that all significant issues relating to a new school will be addressed openly with public input before any construction bonding request is presented for the town's consideration.

Our district continues to expand and enhance the technology resources available for our students and staff. We continue to support effective staff development in this area, and look to our established Technology Committee to provide continuing guidance for future acquisitions of hardware. This committee is largely composed of community representatives with technology background.

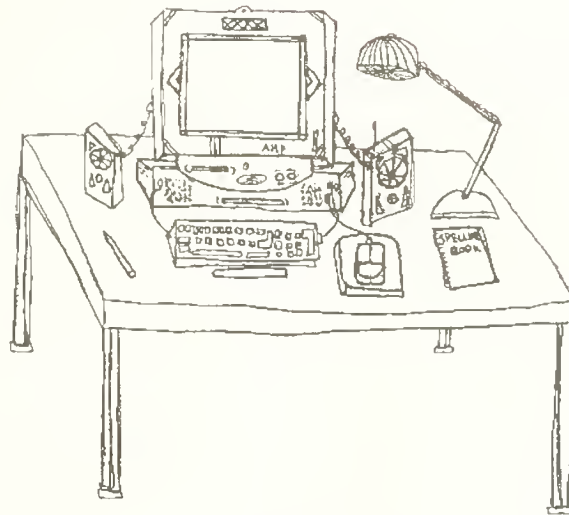
A major part of the most recent teachers' contract with the Bedford Education Association (BEA) called for a performance pay plan for the year 1998-1999. To that end, our board and the BEA have been working diligently to arrive at a mutually

satisfactory plan to meet this requirement in the current contract. Significant progress has been achieved and we look to future implementation.

The board negotiated a new high school tuition contract with the Manchester School District which provides for the education of our high school students at Manchester High School West through the academic year 2001-2002. This continues a 75-year relationship between Manchester High School West and the Bedford community.

We continue to strive to improve our district's communication with our parents and the public-at-large. The board has adopted a practice of quarterly communication forums whose goal is open dialogue on a range of issues. We will be implementing several initiatives to continue as strong a parent-friendly environment as possible.

Lastly, we would like to thank our teaching and support staff for the outstanding service that they provide to our community. This town has consistently shown that it values education for its children, and we support that position.



"WORK STATION"

*Illustrated by
Marc Shaer, grade 5*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dennis J. Pope

The 1996-97 school year was very exciting and challenging.

Mission

The school board and staff continue to focus on the district's mission which says in part, "... student learning (academic achievement) is the district's highest priority. We expect students will leave our schools with a passion for learning, an open mind and an ability to adapt to a diverse and changing world."

We know that we must stay focused on student learning, high standards, and results. We know that continuous planning and learning builds a result-oriented culture – a culture that engages staff and students to pursue diligently the district's expectations of high, quality performance. Professor Alan Odden's words provide the foundation for how the district's staff must work together to "act more like producers of high levels of student achievement rather than mere consumers of educational resources."



Superintendent Pope with Governor Jeanne Shaheen, and teachers Cathy Stavenger and Kris Possee at a ceremony honoring 1997 Presidential Awardees for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching.

The bottom line is that everything we do must support student learning. We must not

design curriculum and classroom practices, outstanding record-keeping systems, or instructional technologies for their own sake. At times we can become distracted by an abundance of good ideas. However, we must ask if the suggested concept or practice adds value to what we are doing. We must determine if it enhances our ability to have students learn what they need to know and be able to do in order to be successful in the future as learners and citizens.

Beliefs and Values

The district's beliefs and values should guide our actions. We believe that all students can learn. All staff and students must live and act like a community of learners. We know that quality instruction must be followed by quality, continuous assessment. No single test provides a fair measure of student knowledge and achievement. Therefore, we believe a balanced, multi-assessment approach must be implemented and properly interpreted. Quality assessment provides increased opportunities to focus on student work. It is clear that the Bedford community, the school board, and the staff expect students to meet increasingly higher, more rigorous standards and performance. Furthermore, it is clear that public accountability requires that assessment data be provided to the board, parents, and citizens.

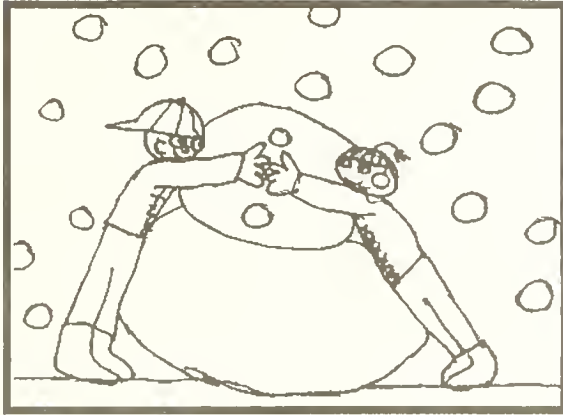
It is also vitally important to recognize that an assessment test is but one of many indicators of success or quality. Other indicators include attendance rates; graduation rates; students' daily work; a safe, friendly, orderly environment; and a positive school culture, with a great deal of public and parent support and involvement.

By all indicators, the 1996-97 school year was very successful for staff and students.

School Facilities Planning

During the 1996-97 school year, the district continued its school facilities planning. In the spring and early summer of 1997, the board accepted a long-range, school facilities analysis and then established two committees. A Land/Facilities Steering Committee with representatives from the

school board, town council, central office administration, parents, and citizens was formed and charged to oversee the various steps in the facilities planning process; to identify and evaluate options to address the



"TEAM WORK"

*Illustrated by
Tracy Kleeman, grade 4*

district's building and space needs; to identify and staff subcommittees as appropriate; and to make recommendations to the Bedford School Board for action. The committee has worked hard since the summer of 1997 and has established three subcommittees: Year Round Education, Site, and School Organization/Grade Configuration.

Additionally, the board established a Communications Committee and charged it to work with the Land/Facilities Steering Committee and school personnel to inform and solicit input from the community regarding possible solutions to the district's building and space needs.

The board and staff recognize the need to engage the public in meaningful dialogue and to communicate data regarding the necessity for more school building capacity. The work of these two committees will continue for most of the 1997-98 school year.

Performance Pay System

Studying and developing a performance-base pay system was a major goal during the 1996-97 school year. The Bedford Education Association (BEA) and school board agreed to a four-year contract which contained an

agreement to form a committee to study and develop a Performance Pay Plan. In the spring of 1997, the committee began its work. The BEA and Bedford School Board agreed to present a plan to the voters at the 1998 Annual School District Meeting.

Together...

Last year, I quoted Francis Koppel who said, "Education is too important to be left solely to the educators." This statement has not lost its importance. The school board, staff, parents and citizens have continued to work together. Most importantly, we continue to keep focused on the reason for public education – children, their well-being and learning. We know that students can learn, given the needed time, support, and resources. We also know that while there are many fine opportunities for success, there are significant, painful challenges. Therefore, let us continue to be dedicated and committed to making appropriate changes – changes which increase learning within a caring, respectful, friendly, and nurturing culture and environment.

All of us in the Bedford School District, along with parents and community, must be crystal clear about our destination. We must comprehend the complexity of our journey; and most importantly, we must be totally committed to the belief that our students can and will succeed in tomorrow's challenging, ever-changing world.

Recognition

I would like to recognize Jeff Hudson for his board service and positive contributions to the betterment of the school district. In addition, I would acknowledge Linda Camarota for her three years of board service to the educational system.

In closing, I wish to thank the Bedford School Board, employees, school volunteers, parents and citizens who have contributed to the district's past and present success. The Bedford School District is better than ever. Ongoing support and cooperation will be essential. The education and well-being of the children within our community require and demand no less.

PETER WOODBURY SCHOOL

Kenneth Williams, Principal



Principal Williams and Asst. Principal Kettenring pictured above with 1st grade Excellence in Mathematics awardees.

The 1996-97 school year was highlighted with curriculum development, implementation, and assessment. Educators focused on opportunities that called for high standards of instruction and learning. The use of technology enhanced these opportunities by serving as an essential teaching/learning tool.

Highlights of the school year included ...

- **Curriculum:**

Educators throughout the Bedford School District collaborated to set instructional standards and to develop lessons that would involve our students in activities that optimize their learning potential. Academic units were introduced that reflected grade level objectives, the NH Curriculum Frameworks, and the expectations of the Bedford community.

- **Technology:**

Classroom teachers and computer specialists joined together to deliver the curriculum through the use of all available avenues of learning in the classroom. The use of technology is evident daily as computers and multi-

media hardware/software are used for research, the reinforcement of learned objectives, and communications with students throughout the United States and the world. The grade two partnership with the University of Kansas reflects the value of technology, as our students provide data in the university's annual study on the migration of the Monarch butterfly.

- **Volunteer Program:**

Our school was once again recognized by the NH Partners in Education for the exemplary partnership between parents, community members, teachers, and staff. Congratulations and thank you to all who dedicated their time so that our school would receive its seventh Blue Ribbon Achievement Award.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Reading Specialist Bonnie Bell was selected as one of twenty-five people in the country to participate in a credentialing program to become a Language Circle Consultant. As part of this program, she will be training teachers nationally on Project Read standards and instructional strategies.

- **School/Community Partnerships:**

The Peter Woodbury School continues to be active in the community as we promote our partnership with the Bedford Mall and other Bedford businesses. These businesses, the Bedford P.T.G., and other Bedford

support organizations enhance learning through donations to special projects, classroom resources, and student visitations. This is evidenced by the first "Artist in Residence" program that was instituted at our school this year. Designed as a program to integrate the arts with daily curriculum endeavors, a musician/storyteller spent a week sharing his talents with all of our students while creating a culminating activity of a community concert. Congratulations to second grade teacher Leslie Fredette and assistant principal Linda Kettenring who were the "architects" of this project. This program involved all of our students in memorable moments through song, story, and dance. We thank all of the staff and community members who enabled this dream to become a reality.

- **School Visitations:**

New England educators continued to visit our school as our teachers shared with them established and noted initiatives in reading and technology. School districts involved were: New Boston, Londonderry, Brookline, Nashua, Merrimack, Milford, Sunapee, Rollinsford, Lyndeborough, New Ipswich, Mt. Vernon, Eliot (ME), and Rowley (MA). Our school also serves as an instructional site for University of NH teaching interns, as well as for the Rivier, Plymouth State, and Notre Dame Colleges' student teaching program.

- **Recognition/Honors:**

The selection of the Peter Woodbury and the Memorial Schools as the "NH Title One Program of the Year" reflects the dedicated efforts of the staff and the support of our parents. This award was presented at a national reading conference in Atlanta in May.

Congratulations to grade two teacher Cathy Stavenger who was selected as an awardee for the "Presidential

Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics" teaching; and also to Kim Blaine who was recognized by C.H.A.D.D. for their annual "Teacher Appreciation Award."



*Illustrated by
Laura Cande, grade 1*

I conclude by expressing my appreciation to the Peter Woodbury staff, the Bedford School Board, administrators, central office staff, the Bedford P.T.G., parents, students, and community members for their dedication to academics, learning, and children.

MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Gail Paludi, Principal

The 1996-97 school year began on August 28, 1996, with 505 students and 69 faculty and staff. New curriculum challenges and other initiatives provided us with a positive beginning to a year filled with excitement, enthusiasm, and a climate of collaboration and cooperation.

During the summer of 1996, many opportunities for teachers to continue their pursuit of life-long learning were available. Faculty and staff members attended technology training conducted by the district's technology team. Attendees had a chance to build on previously learned skills, and acquire new skills in the areas of databases, spreadsheets, multimedia capabilities, e-mail, and the Internet. Teachers utilize these acquired skills to enhance the teaching/learning process and add value to classroom instruction. As a result, students participated in Batnet, Birdnet, and Treenet, Network Science Projects (which provided opportunity for data collection, analysis and synthesis of data), and transmission of data to other school districts via electronic mail. TechnoEarth and TechnoSpace provided opportunities for integrating technology into many curriculum areas using electronic research, laser disc players, and multimedia stations.

Throughout the year, teams of teachers continued writing new curriculum units, developed district standards, and revised existing curriculum units to meet the NH Curriculum Frameworks, Bedford's Commencement Goals, learner benchmarks, and student performances. Many new units were implemented in the third and fourth grades.

Memorial School's B.E.A.M. (Building Excellence at Memorial) Team successfully completed its second year. In a continuing attempt to strive for excellence, the B.E.A.M. Team developed and wrote a new mission statement for our school. It states, "Our mission is to provide a quality learning environment that fosters academic growth while developing independence and

responsibility. During the transition from early elementary to middle school years, the integration and application of learned skills increases in importance as students continue their development as life-long learners. The partnership of home, school, and community is essential to achieve our goal of academic excellence." Faculty and staff approved the mission statement, and agreed to promote it with parents and students. Plans were made to share our mission throughout our school community.

A second major accomplishment of the B.E.A.M. Team was the development of the first Memorial School Student/Parent Handbook, "The ABC's of Memorial School."



S.E.E.D. teacher Courtney Hannah (left), and Principal Gail Paludi (right) pictured with grade 3 Geography Bee awardees.

This handbook was written and designed by a group of Memorial's teachers and parents. It has been a positive link between school and home.

The Math Superstars Program began its first year as an at-home enrichment program for the enhancement of mathematics skills. With the support of the Parent-Teacher Group, and the leadership of Mrs. Sue Bee and Mrs. Gail Callahan, parent coordinators for the program, approximately 314 students participated during the 1996-97 school year.

These students received recognition at an assembly at the end of the year.

Once again, our school/business partnerships provided a link between our school and the community. Genesis Laurel Center and Centerpoint Bank were actively involved in many school activities including a Career Fair held in the spring for all fourth graders.

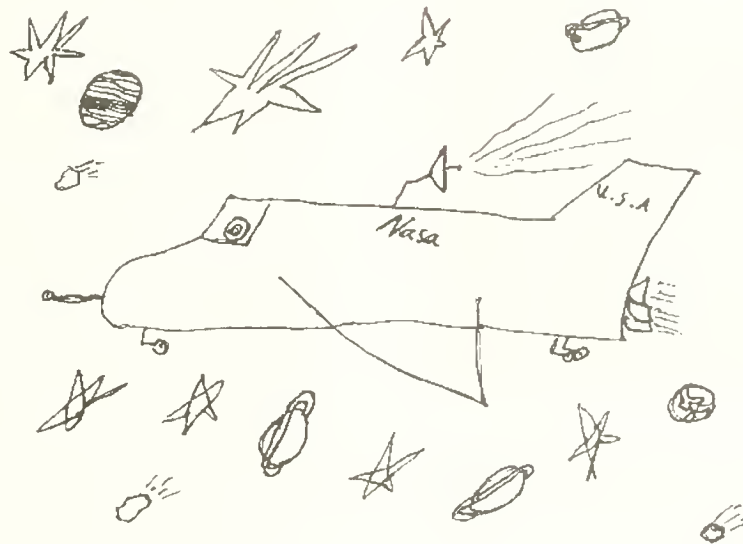
Our school volunteer program was again recognized for the fifth year in a row. The endless devotion and countless hours of volunteer time resulted in Memorial School's fifth Blue Ribbon School Achievement Award.

Memorial's faculty and staff joined in the fun at Bedford Olde Town Days. At our booth, we collected tickets and handed out prizes to children of all ages. This was an opportunity for us to visit with many parents and students, and support the community in this worthwhile endeavor.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 26 Memorial fourth graders were recipients of the Presidential Award for Educational Excellence for 1997.
- Six Odyssey of the Mind teams competed at regionals in March, 1997. Two teams advanced to state competition.

In closing, I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the Memorial School faculty and staff, the Bedford School Board, the SAU #25 administrators and staff, parents, community members, and students for their dedication, efforts, and support.



"SPACE ADVENTURE"

Illustrated by
Nick Traveilyn, grade 3

McKELVIE SCHOOL

Arnold MacDonald, Principal

School started for our 947 middle school students on August 28, 1996. The McKelvie School was in great shape thanks to the hard work of our custodial and maintenance staff during the summer.

Administrative objectives for the 1996-97 academic year included the following:

- to provide leadership in the completion and implementation of the district's curriculum, while effectively utilizing all available fiscal and human resources;
- to be involved in the development and implementation of a comprehensive assessment system for the district;
- to assist the board and community in the development of a K-8 educational plan for school facilities and programs; and
- to work with staff to identify and to more effectively meet the needs of high achieving students.



Principal MacDonald and Assistant Principal Curren receive a demonstration by students using a computer assisted design in technology education.

In the spring of 1997, all sixth grade students were tested in math, language arts, science, and social studies as part of the NH Educational Improvement and Assessment Program. NHEIAP was developed because

national standardized tests do not give specific information about what our students know and are able to do. These tests are based on the challenging standards established in the Curriculum Frameworks developed by NH teachers, administrators, parents, business people, and policy makers for NH students. The NH State Department of Education announced the first year, statewide district and school level results in October. These assessments were not an evaluation of grade six; rather, they represent what students know and can do after many years of schooling. They employ a mix of multiple choice and open-ended questions to assess students' knowledge and their ability to apply that knowledge. They are quite different from traditional tests and are based on the rigorous NH standards.

Our first year, sixth grade results ranked high among the state results but seemed uncharacteristically low because NHEIAP has set new standards for our students. We are working to align our educational programs with these new standards. I expect that our scores will improve over time as we better align curriculum and instruction with the NH Curriculum Frameworks.

During the 1996-97 school year, numerous students and programs received state or national recognition in the area of academics and athletics. Some of the noteworthy endeavors include:

- Eighth grade students Jessica Heath and Lisa Schupmann were the first McKelvie students to be published in Merlyn's Pen, a national students' writing magazine. They also participated in the first Writers' Conference in the Electronic School Room of America On-Line.
- The McKelvie School Mock Trial Team, coached by SEED teacher Jo Hendry and Attorney Christopher Bandazian, participated in the state competition, and finished in first place.
- The McKelvie School Math Counts Team finished first in their regional competition. The team was composed of Jeff Langer, Dom Lacoste, Nate Holstein, Max Bandazian, Jeb Remus, and Jen Hosker, and were coached by 8th grade teacher Curt Lombard. The team finished fourth

DID YOU KNOW?

- 38 McKelvie students won recognition at the State Technology Student Association competition in the Spring of 1997.
- Karen Curren joined the McKelvie staff in July, 1997 as the new assistant principal.

in the state. The number one scoring student in the individual state competition was Jeff Langer, who led the NH team to the national competition in Washington, DC.

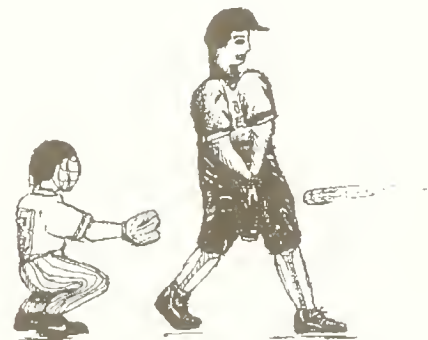
- This year marked the sixth time our school participated in LaGrande Concours, the national French exam sponsored by the American Association of the Teachers of French. McKelvie achieved the best results ever. Matt Richards, Meryl Richards, Scott Jones, and Rebecca Stratton swept the first four places for eighth graders in the NH/Vermont Regional Competition.
- In the area of athletics, our girls' soccer team went to the finals of their league championship, losing to Londonderry 2-1. The softball, baseball, and basketball (girls and boys) teams each finished first in their league competition and won their respective play-off championship games. While participating in the Tri-County Track Meet, 8th grader Taylor Scull finished first in the long jump, and in the 100-yard and the 200-yard dashes.

The eighth annual "Stand By Me" program for McKelvie seventh grade students and their parents was a major success. The full day of workshops, lectures, and seminars was very informative and enjoyable. The 24th

Mt. Cardigan experience, once again, was a success. I express my appreciation to all of the parent volunteers who have contributed their time, effort, and energy into making both of these programs possible. Without the support of the community and parents, these two worthwhile programs would not exist.

The McKelvie Middle School was selected as a recipient of the Blue Ribbon School Achievement Award by the NH Partners in Education. This award recognizes the cooperative efforts between school and community resulting in an outstanding school volunteer program benefiting the children of this community. The approximate number of hours put in by volunteers at McKelvie was 12,749.

In May, the McKelvie School community lost a dear colleague and cherished friend. After 17 years of service to both our school and the town, Steve Brindisi passed away. We will long remember Steve for his easy manner, his love of children, and the uncompromising way he challenged us to be the best. Steve savored each and every day, and will be sorely missed.



"CHECK SWING"

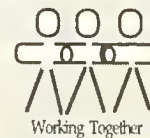
*Illustrated by
John Del Giudice, grade 8*

Charlene Carper, Assistant Principal, retired after twelve years of dedicated service to the Bedford School District. She will be long remembered for her tireless work to enhance our curriculum.

I would like to thank all who have contributed toward making the educational program offered our students at McKelvie a success.

Bedford School District

POINTS OF PRIDE



- QUALITY

The unyielding commitment by everyone to learn, change, grow, and achieve excellence within child-centered schools with rigorous academic standards.

- COMMUNITY

A place where everyone comes together to help all children reach their potential.

- CLIMATE AND CULTURE

Community of learners where collegiality, trust, and respect are the foundation upon which to build quality learning.

- LIVING MISSION

High standards for all. Hard work, dedication, and commitment are the norm. Staff and students are challenged to acquire knowledge and academic skills, and to achieve to their highest potential.

- TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

Causing results and not just expecting good things to happen for children.

- PARENTS AND CITIZENS AS PARTNERS

Partnerships between parents, staff, and community members are characterized by mutual commitment and collaboration. School/business and higher education partnerships add great value to the district's programs and the teaching/learning process.

- INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS

- Before and after school care for school-aged children
- Looped classes
- Educational technology plan
- Integrated curriculum model

- NATIONAL AND STATE RECOGNITION

- Title I Reading Program
- Project Read Program
- 1995 NH Elementary School of Excellence Award
- 1995 NH Middle School of Excellence Award
- 2-Year Goals 2000 Grant
- Blue Ribbon School Volunteer Program

BEDFORD ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The Annual Bedford School District Meeting was convened on Wednesday, March 12, 1997 at McKelvie School with approximately 212 community members present.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Daniel Sullivan, Vice Chairman Jeffery Hudson, Linda Camarota, Paul Brock and Thomas Johnson. **ALSO PRESENT:** Superintendent Dennis Pope, Assistant Superintendent Ross Lurgio, Business Administrator Pauline Armstrong, Moderator Ryk Bullock, Legal Counsel Eugene VanLoan, and School District Clerk Roberta Bergquist.

Moderator Bullock called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Moderator Bullock then led the Pledge of Allegiance, and then opened the meeting by introducing those on the platform.

Moderator Bullock explained the rules in which the meeting would be conducted, under the new guidelines of Senate Bill 2.

Chairman Daniel Sullivan thanked Jeffery Hudson and Linda Camarota for their dedicated service as School Board Members.

Moderator Bullock requested that everyone's attention be directed to the handout: "Bedford School District, School Warrant, The State of New Hampshire."

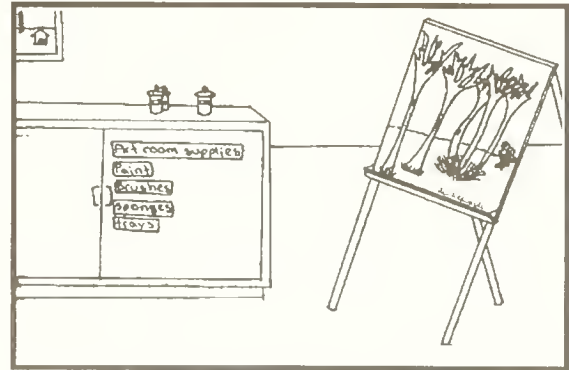
Moderator Bullock then read the warrant.

ARTICLE I. *To elect two school board members for the ensuing three years.*

Moderator Bullock explained Article I is self explanatory. We will be electing two school board members for three year terms.

Moderator Bullock then read:

ARTICLE II. *Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six Dollars (\$336,526.00) to fund those additional cost items related to the collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 1997/98 school year which resulted from negotiations*



Illustrated by
Sarah Edwards, grade 6

with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 1996/97 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (majority vote required)

Chairman Daniel Sullivan stated that the school board supports Article 2. They felt it was a positive for the district and he welcomed any questions.

Moderator Bullock requested any questions from the floor regarding Article 2. Hearing none he continued.

ARTICLE III. *Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Sixteen Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Two Dollars (\$16,672.00) to fund those additional cost items related to the collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 1997/98 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 1996/97 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (majority vote required)*

Board Member Jeffery Hudson stated that the school board also supports this. It would be the third year of a three year contract. We will shortly be negotiating a new contract. It will represent a \$0.40 per hour increase for those under the contract.

With no comments, Moderator Bullock continued.

ARTICLE IV. ("Special" Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Six Dollars (\$615,226.00) as a deficiency appropriation, said sum to be made available to the school board and school district prior to June 15, 1997? Said sum to exceed the 1996/97 appropriation by Six Hundred Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Twenty Six Dollars (\$615,226.00) for the purpose of paying the increase in special education costs and high school tuition to the Manchester School District. (As per RSA 32:5, the school board designates this article as "special" and recommends this appropriation - majority vote required).

Ted Bara, 94 Sebbins Pond Drive, asked how much of this was for the high school tuition that was not funded last year?

Board Member Paul Brock explained that the \$615,226 is composed of 3 components. Special Education for high school students of \$557,469 and the High School Tuition deficit is \$245,236. He noted that they do not add up to \$615,226. This is because we have a credit on special education of \$187,000+/- which gives us the figure of \$615,226.



PWS 2nd graders discuss geometric designs with Business Administrator Armstrong.

Stephen Blatt, 88 Blanford Place, asked what school year we are talking about and what is the per capita tuition.

Board Member Brock responded that this is the "95-96" school year. We had a \$61,000 increase for "95-96" high school tuition, a \$124,000 tuition increase, and \$111,000 for an increase in the number of students. This gave us a \$235,000 increase.

The cost for "95-96" was \$5,163 per student. The billing rate, given by Manchester, for "96-97" is \$5,302 per student. The estimated billing rate, given by Manchester, for "97-98" is \$5,435 per student.

Ann Remus, 65 Meetinghouse Road, asked what would the effect be if this Article was voted down?

Chairman Daniel Sullivan responded that it is an obligation that would have to be paid. To the best of his knowledge if it was voted down, this money would have to come out of the regular school budget.

With no other comments, Moderator Bullock continued.

ARTICLE V. Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred and Two Dollars (\$112,902.00) to fund the costs of hiring three classroom teachers for grades one through four in an attempt to maintain the 20-1 pupil/teacher ratios? (majority vote required)

Edward Comiskey, 12 Three Corners Road, asked if there were enough classrooms to support adding 3 additional teachers?

Board Member Thomas Johnson responded that there are rooms available however there will be dislocations such as art classes, music classes, and special needs' classes.

Board Member Paul Brock stated that the school principals had indicated that they can deal with the space.

Nine members of the community spoke in favor of Article 5. The reasons cited were: educational studies, increases of number of students, increased demands on teachers, quality of education, special education student needs, concerns of student teacher ratios, and stated that class size makes a difference.

Ted Bara, 94 Sebbins Pond Drive, stated he wanted good education at a reasonable price. It was his understanding that the Bedford teachers were paid above the average, because they primarily were experienced teachers. For this reason he felt that experienced, professional teachers should be qualified, with proper discipline, to handle the present number of students.

Jim Flora, 95 Hitching Post Lane, asked what the student teacher ratio would be if the three teachers were not hired?

Chairman Daniel Sullivan responded that they estimated that the primary level would be 22 to 1.

Board Member Paul Brock clarified that at first grade there would be 22 per class, second grade 21 per class, third grade 23 per class, and fourth grade 23 per class.

Barbara Lister-James, 25 Old Stone Way, asked if the projections for next year include the amount of building that is going on in the town?

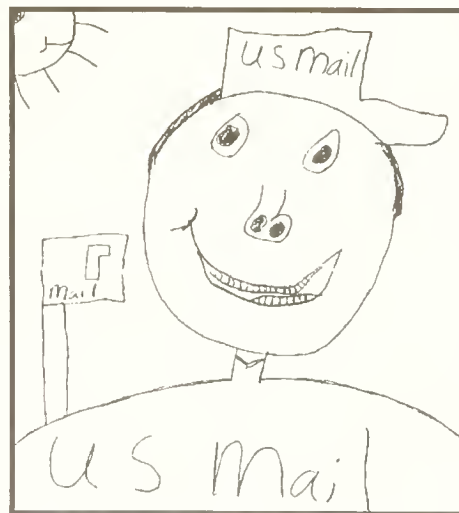
Chairman Daniel Sullivan responded "yes it does."

Ken Bellefeuille, 95 Sebbins Pond Drive, questioned why the moderator asked the school board to support the first couple of articles?

Moderator Bullock responded that Senate Bill 2 requires this, only on articles with a negotiated amount, regarding contractual articles. The school board is required to say if they are in favor or opposed. This applied to only articles 2 & 3.

Chairman Daniel Sullivan stated that the board had considered the three teachers in the budget process. It was their feeling that at this time, with the impact it would have on programs across the board, that one or two students would be doable. He stated that no one disagrees that smaller is better when you are talking 15 to 1 vs. 22-1 there is a dramatic impact. If you are talking 22-1 vs. 23-1, 21-1 or 20-1 you are not talking a dramatic change.

This had nothing to do with the deficit. The superintendent discussed this last year and it was less than 1% of the budget. It is



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again less than 1% of the budget this year. If they have the influx of students it will be addressed, as it was last year.

Historically we are in line with past years back to 1991. In the past years we did not have the computer systems on line. We did not have the volunteer programs. There is more rotation through stations. If there is a quarrel with special education that should be brought forward.

This board does not support, under any circumstances, increasing the staff. We have a superintendent who has done it for years. To presume that last year's increase will happen every year is using a strange crystal ball.

Sue Thomas, 40 Elk Drive, stated we are starting to let the standard slip. She stated that "our standard is 20 to 1 plus or minus 2." She stated that volunteers should not be expected to or counted on to maintain the standard.

Moderator Bullock stated he has heard approximately 12-13 speakers. He had not heard any amendments offered. Therefore he terminated the discussion of this article that he pointed out would be on the April 8, 1997 ballot.

ARTICLE VI. *Shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, the amounts set forth on the budget posted*

with the warrant, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Twenty Million Two Hundred Nineteen Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Three Dollars (\$20,219,943.00), which shall be in addition to whatever funding may be appropriated under Articles II, III, IV, and V if any? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Twenty Million Seven Hundred Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars (\$20,704,727.00) which is the same as last year with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Bedford School District or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (majority vote required)

Margaret Comiskey, 40 Maple Drive, asked, as a point of order, questioned why we were not going over the budget, line item by line item?

Moderator Bullock then stated that it was his understanding, that it was the moderator's choice to go through this article line by line or to just read the article. It was his decision, if the body wished to go through item by item, he would follow their wishes.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Benefits of Going Back to School

('95 average earnings by education level
comprised by the US Census Bureau)

Not high school grad	\$20,442
High school grad	\$27,038
Some college, no degree	\$31,128
Associate degree	\$33,425
Bachelor's degree	\$44,523
Master's degree	\$55,384
Doctorate degree	\$72,099
Professional degree	\$98,197

Moderator Bullock then requested a head count regarding the issue.

The vote was 78 (yes) for reading the article line item by line item, 94 (no). The moderator honored the vote and proceeded.

Ann Hoffman, 64 Cider Mill Road, asked why, under special education tuition, there was a \$400,000 increase?

Board Member Jeffery Hudson responded we currently have 387+/- coded students. 44 of these are out of district. Both of these numbers have gone up. The cost of these services has also gone up.

Maurice Goulet, 48 Ministerial Branch, asked if he could address a question regarding a payment on the vendor list, on page 59 of the School District Annual Report?

Chairman Daniel Sullivan responded the answer is no. This is informational only.

Moderator Bullock then clarified that the annual report is last year's budget. This is not relative to this year's budget. This question is better addressed at a school board meeting.

Sue Holstein, 33 Ministerial Branch, questioned why salaries at Peter Woodbury and McKelvie are down. Furniture & equipment, supplies & texts, appear to be down across the board, why? She also requested that we move away from 'Ditto' equipment. She also questioned can money allocated as special articles be spent on anything other than what it was allocated?

Chairman Daniel Sullivan stated that salaries are down due to replacements of senior teachers at less money. Capital purchases for 96-97, at Peter Woodbury, are not taking place in 97-98.

Board Member Paul Brock responded that there was a copier purchased last year at Peter Woodbury.

Dennis Pope, Superintendent of Schools, responded that it depended on how the article was designated. If designated as a "Special Article," such as the deficit, it can only be spent for that which it is designated. If designated as a "Separate Article," such as the teachers contract, it will be included into the budget. The bottom line of the budget is under the board's discretion.

Bruce Wilson, 56 Seton Drive, questioned if the board supported this budget? He also questioned why Maintenance supplies, equipment & repairs are down by \$65,000?

Chairman Daniel Sullivan responded that "yes" the board did support this budget. The maintenance budget is driven by the capital plan over the years. This is down from 95-96 but up from 96-97. One of the basic reasons is the floor replacement at McKelvie. This will now be done in two years, not one as originally proposed.

Mark Stull, 35 Blackbird Drive, supported this article. He requested Dennis Pope, Superintendent of Schools, to give his analysis of the cost increase from Manchester.

Superintendent Dennis Pope referred the body to the Tax Rate Impact sheet.

Bill Healey, 36 Old Farm Road, questioned why there was a \$50,000 increase in district salaries?

Chairman Daniel Sullivan stated that this reflects the 98 non-union people in the district. This includes their salaries & performance. There was an additional \$10,000+/- in SAU performance in the prior year. This was shifted into this account.

Bill Healey questioned if benefits were up also.

Chairman Daniel Sullivan responded benefits have increased. That Blue Cross/Blue Shield was up by \$101,798. Some employees chose the Blue Choice plan that saved the town approximately \$39,000. Workman's comp was \$7,500 and the New Hampshire retirement went up by \$38,000. FICA went up by \$2,920. New Hampshire retirement, for all full time except teachers, went up by \$19,000.

Bill Healey questioned if we had gone out for quotes?

Chairman Daniel Sullivan responded that we had. We are looking at this area all the time.

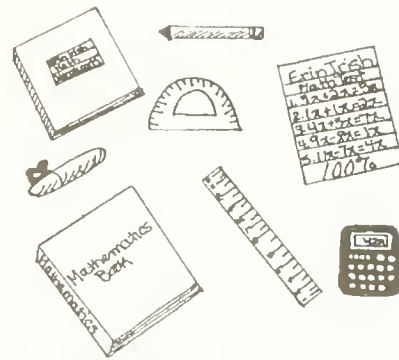
Bill Healey questioned what the \$25,000 architectural service was?

Chairman Sullivan stated that the board felt this was necessary in view of an apparent need for a new grammar school.

Ken Hawkins, 1 Barrington Drive, asked that if we vote down Article 6 it will cost more money than if passed?

Chairman Sullivan confirmed this was true but it did include the deficit that would come off the top.

Sue Thomas asked what would happen if Article 4 passes and Article 6 fails. We



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would not pay the deficit twice. How much money would we have?

Superintendent Dennis Pope stated that it was the board's opinion that DRA will not raise the money twice. We would have to take this money out of the budget.

With no other comments, Moderator Bullock continued.

ARTICLE VII. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 194-B, implementing a charter and open enrollment school program? Shall no more than 0 percent of the district's current pupil enrollment be eligible for tuition to attend charter and open enrollment schools located outside the school district? Shall no more than 0 percent of the district's current pupil enrollment be eligible for tuition to attend charter and open enrollment schools located inside the school district? (majority vote required) (By Petition)

Sandra Polcharczyk, 43 Ministerial Branch, stated that she did not understand this article.

Chairman Daniel Sullivan responded that this is the language that they received.

Moderator Bullock explained that this was a petition article. He asked if any of the petitioners were present and if they would like to speak on this?

Ed Krueger, 34 Windsong Circle, explained that this was the required legal language. If this is approved it will only permit, anyone to submit, a proposal for a charter school. At this time the percentages will have to be completed. Approval of this will only permit discussion. Each proposal must be voted on. Approval of this article will not permit a charter school. This will only approve a study. It does not allot any money to be spent. He also stated that he felt this would give people a choice.

Chairman Daniel Sullivan stated that he agreed with this explanation and also added that no one can even approach the school board or state, regarding a charter school, unless this passes.

Additional discussion followed about the pro's & con's of charter schools. Moderator Bullock requested that only questions regarding this article be discussed.

Ken Hawkins, 1 Barrington Drive, stated that this did not state "study." That this said "implement." He also stated that he felt we were going to get ourselves into the same legal battle that was currently going on in Londonderry, New Hampshire.



Asst. Supt. Lurgio observes 6th grade students solving problems using computer controlled vehicles.

Chairman Daniel Sullivan stated that he could not say Mr. Hawkins was wrong. He also explained that it was his understanding that unless we passed this, they could not even come to the school board or state.

The dialog continued back and forth between the school board and the voters regarding the semantics, wording and the intent of this article. The general consensus of the body was that this is very unclear and would be difficult for the voters to understand on April 8, 1997.

Under advice of legal counsel the wording of this article can not be amended. It was determined that the school board could, if they agreed, add a note to this article as similar to the one in Article 8.

Board Member Linda Camarota made a motion:

"That the school board, in conjunction with the petitioners, shall establish a footnote, to be included on the warrant under Article 7, that will inform the voters of the fact that the passage of this article constitutes the establishment of a study of the subject matter of Article 7. Per the school district legal counsel."

This was seconded by Roy Stewart, 19 Hickory Lane.

A discussion followed regarding the pro's, con's and legal issues of this motion.

A motion was made to close the debate. This was seconded. Motion passed and the debate was closed.

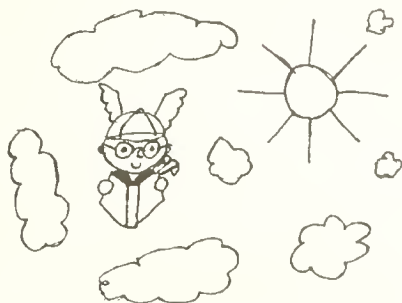
The results of the motion were 108 yes and 60 no. Motion passed.

Moderator Bullock informed the attendees that the school board would meet following this meeting to address this. This will be a public session.

Gail Garceau, 214 N. Amherst Road, asked that should this article pass, could another article be brought to implement the charter school at this type of meeting next year? If so where would the debate take place? When it appears on the ballot for a vote, is it a majority vote, 2/3 or 3/5?

Chairman Daniel Sullivan stated this proposal would be debated like anything else that comes before the board. If the board rejected the proposal they would have the right to petition to the state board of education. If the state board of education says no, they must go back to square one

with another proposal. It would be debated further at this body only if passed by either



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the Bedford School Board or the State Board of Education. If placed on the ballot it would then require a majority vote to pass.

ARTICLE VIII. *Shall the Bedford School District create a planning committee according to the provisions of RSA 194-C to consider withdrawal from School Administrative Unit #25? (3/5ths vote required). Note: Legal counsel for the district has advised that the withdrawal from a single district SAU is not permitted under RSA 194-C. (By Petition)*

Bill Brennan, 73 Cider Mill Road, asked how can we put an illegal article on the warrant.

Eugene VanLoan, Legal Counsel, responded that it was a petition article and any petition article must be received and placed on the warrant by the school board. There is no choice even if it has no effect.

Chuck Grau, 65 Smith Road, asked who the petitioners were? He requested that one of the petitioners speak on this.

Moderator Bullock stated that he did not have the list with him. It is a matter of public record and that he would make it available.

Paul MacEwen, 22 Moores Crossing Road, asked why this is not permitted? What makes this illegal?

Attorney VanLoan responded that every school district has to have a school administrative unit. You can withdraw from a multiple school district SAU. Bedford is in a single unit school district SAU.

Moderator Bullock informed the attendees that he had a copy there if anyone was interested in viewing it.

Bill Brennan asked if the petitioners could withdraw the petition, now that they know it is illegal?

Attorney VanLoan stated that he did not think it could be withdrawn after it was put on the warrant. He was not sure that it could be done even if all the petitioners wanted it removed.

Claire Sills, 7 Freedom Way, asked if this note would be on the ballot?

Moderator Bullock responded that it would.

John Holland, 5 Glen Road, asked if this article was amendable? When informed that it was, he proceeded to suggest, deleting existing wording and adding wording which would alter the original intent of the amendment.

Attorney VanLoan informed Mr. Holland that it was his opinion that this was not permitted. It is amendable but you can not dismiss an article. This is prohibited under Senate Bill 2.

John Holland insisted on making this motion. A voice seconded it.

Moderator Bullock ruled it out of order.

Gail Garceau asked what would happen if this should pass?

Moderator Bullock responded "nothing."

Moderator Bullock thanked everyone for attending. He reminded them that the 2nd Public Hearing is scheduled to take place Monday, March 24, 1997. The School District Election is on April 8, 1997.

Moderator Bullock then recognized a motion from the floor to adjourn. A second was received. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta H. Bergquist
School District Clerk

Bedford School District
SCHOOL DISTRICT WARRANT
February 4, 1998 and March 10, 1998
State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the school district in the Town of Bedford, New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the McKelvie Middle School in said district on Wednesday, February 4, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., for Session I (Deliberation), to act on all matters not voted on by official ballot; and on Tuesday, March 10, 1998, Session II (Voting) for the choice of school district officers elected by ballot and any other action required to be inserted on said official ballot. The polls for the election of school district officers and other action required to be inserted on said ballot will open on said date at 7:00 a.m. and will not close earlier than 7:00 p.m. to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE I. To elect all necessary school district officers for the ensuing year. (Vote by official ballot.)

ARTICLE II. (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Million Eight Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$7,874,400.00) for the construction and original equipping of a new elementary school building; Seven Million Eight Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$7,874,400.00) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq. as amended; to authorize the school board to invest said monies and to use the earnings thereon for said project; to authorize the school board to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the school board to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes, to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to take any other appropriate action thereon. (2/3rds vote required.) (The school board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE III. Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Twenty One Thousand Eighty Seven Dollars (\$321,087.00) to fund those additional cost items related to the collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Association for the 1998/99 school year which resulted from negotiations with the teachers and which represents the negotiated increase over the 1997/98 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (Majority vote required.) (The school board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE IV. Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$11,450.00) to fund those additional cost items related to the collective bargaining agreement between the Bedford School District and the Bedford Education Support Staff Association for the 1998/99 school year which resulted from negotiations with the custodial and maintenance staff and which represents the negotiated increase over the 1997/98 salaries, fringe benefits, and other cost items? (Majority vote required.) (The school board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE V. (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) to be added to the school district's School Building Capital Reserve Fund previously established? (Majority vote required.) (The school board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE VI. (Special Warrant Article) Shall the school district create an expendable trust fund under the provisions of RSA 198:20-c, to be known as the Tuition Fund, for the purpose of paying unexpected tuition costs; and to name the board as agents to expend; and to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) to be placed in this fund? (Majority vote required.) (The school board recommends this appropriation.)

ARTICLE VII. Shall the school district raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by Special Warrant Articles II, V, and VI, and not including appropriations by Articles III and IV, if any, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant, or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling Twenty One Million Six Hundred Eight Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Two Dollars (\$21,608,372.00)? [Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be Twenty One Million One Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Five Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$21,164,518) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Bedford School District or by law; or the school board may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.] (Majority vote required.) (The school board recommends this appropriation.)

Given under our hands at said Bedford this 13th day of January, 1998.

Daniel Sullivan
Paul Brock
Thomas Johnson
Cindy Chagnon
Rodney Bossert
SCHOOL BOARD

A true copy of warrant – attest:

Daniel Sullivan
Paul Brock
Thomas Johnson
Cindy Chagnon
Rodney Bossert
SCHOOL BOARD

BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	BUDGET 1996-97	EXPENDED 1996-97	BUDGET 1997-98	PROPOSED BGT. 1998-99
PETER WOODBURY				
Salaries	\$1,608,120	\$1,608,479.00	\$1,681,916	\$1,739,358
Supplies & Texts	65,893	59,537.46	74,975	78,192
Furniture & Equipment	19,774	21,404.30	7,371	10,415
Utilities	80,120	87,530.90	82,915	90,709
Other	10,185	11,353.54	16,110	16,160
TOTAL	\$1,784,092	\$1,788,305.20	\$1,863,287	\$1,934,834
MEMORIAL SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$1,441,289	\$1,455,954.54	\$1,602,262	\$1,635,050
Supplies & Texts	66,830	59,231.36	77,926	86,734
Furniture & Equipment	14,539	10,104.84	12,269	9,851
Utilities	64,618	60,418.02	68,779	69,200
Other	5,213	6,046.31	6,612	7,942
TOTAL	\$1,592,489	\$1,591,755.07	\$1,767,848	\$1,808,777
McKELVIE SCHOOL				
Salaries	\$3,078,535	\$3,091,460.14	\$3,071,764	\$3,106,008
Supplies & Texts	101,932	94,099.76	104,993	123,677
Furniture & Equipment	17,369	18,233.33	19,645	26,746
Utilities	159,789	168,453.58	164,896	170,719
Other	23,050	24,933.35	25,095	26,740
TOTAL	\$3,380,675	\$3,397,180.16	\$3,386,393	\$3,453,890
HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION				
Tuition	\$3,592,625	\$3,828,345.76	\$4,029,300	\$4,117,741
Tuition Deficit	615,226	0.00	0	0
Census & Attendance	2,000	1,000.00	2,000	2,000
TOTAL	\$4,209,851	\$3,829,345.76	\$4,031,300	\$4,119,741
SPECIAL EDUCATION				
Salaries	\$1,397,164	\$1,392,411.07	\$1,545,993	\$1,565,909
Supplies, Texts & Equipment	21,214	20,784.42	23,370	40,573
Psy. & Other Support Services	303,405	346,965.08	392,337	475,722
Tuition	1,067,930	1,417,207.03	1,512,254	1,590,882
Federal Funds	107,145	0.00	114,217	152,075
Transportation	316,000	371,579.87	334,700	359,960
Other	4,000	2,077.73	4,000	4,000
TOTAL	\$3,216,858	\$3,551,025.20	\$3,926,871	\$4,189,121

	BUDGET 1996-97	EXPENDED 1996-97	BUDGET 1997-98	PROPOSED BGT. 1998-99
DISTRICT WIDE				
Salaries	\$395,322	\$391,666.24	\$514,977	\$619,102
Supplies & Texts	264,582	258,261.91	258,570	190,535
Insurance	75,165	70,216.59	75,165	79,184
Benefits	1,981,713	2,004,968.85	2,209,358	2,408,728
Regular Transportation	630,300	648,513.01	669,468	720,856
Federal Funds	90,000	0.00	88,661	88,661
Debt Service/Capital Reserve	640,832	640,832.00	376,188	555,713
Other	92,275	88,927.75	93,775	99,181
TOTAL	\$4,170,189	\$4,103,386.35	\$4,286,162	\$4,761,960
SCHOOL BD & DISTRICT OFFICERS				
Salaries	\$5,350	\$5,175.00	\$4,100	\$4,100
Service & Supplies	41,210	79,681.66	61,045	75,145
Architect Service	0	9,590.85	25,000	0
Hiring, Printing & Dues	22,244	30,952.63	26,118	21,980
TOTAL	\$68,804	\$125,400.14	\$116,263	\$101,225
SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT				
Salaries	\$306,366	\$306,178.50	\$310,461	\$310,461
Services	20,974	19,388.56	22,193	22,865
Supplies & Equipment	5,100	4,469.57	4,000	4,000
Utilities	5,480	5,563.43	5,779	7,682
Travel, Meetings & Dues	10,600	10,649.82	10,600	11,100
TOTAL	\$348,520	\$346,249.88	\$353,033	\$356,108
MAINTENANCE				
Salaries	\$123,273	\$117,802.08	\$127,169	\$127,169
Supplies, Equipment & Repairs	253,869	266,477.07	307,957	270,075
Contracted Services	38,905	30,923.25	38,749	35,749
Utilities/Telephone	33,067	35,217.29	37,082	38,255
TOTAL	\$449,114	\$450,419.69	\$510,957	\$471,248
FOOD SERVICES				
Salaries	\$147,720	\$158,655.04	\$153,941	\$163,941
Supplies & Equipment	204,401	226,573.97	212,276	235,351
Travel & FICA	11,896	12,504.56	12,372	12,176
TOTAL	\$364,017	\$397,733.57	\$378,589	\$411,468
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$19,584,609	\$19,580,801.02	\$20,620,703	\$21,608,372
LESS ESTIMATED REVENUES			\$1,464,440	\$1,677,733
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT			\$19,156,263	\$19,930,639

**BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
REVENUES AND CREDITS
1998-1999**

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>1997-1998</u>	<u>Proposed 1998-99</u>
UNRESERVED FUND BALANCE (1997)	\$82,870	\$300,000
REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES		
Foundation Aid	0	0
School Building Aid	97,500	97,500
Handicapped Aid – Catastrophic	413,450	457,000
Child Nutrition Program	7,575	7,575
Kindergarten	118,500	0
REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		
Grants	88,661	88,661
Child Nutrition Program	33,500	33,500
Handicapped Program		
IDEA & Preschool Incentive	148,217	152,075
Medicaid	50,000	70,000
OTHER SOURCES		
Transfer from Capital Projects Fund	0	0
Transfer from Capital Reserve Fund	0	0
Sale of Bonds or Notes	0	0
LOCAL REVENUE OTHER THAN TAXES		
Tuition		
Summer School	8,700	8,700
Other Tuition	0	0
Adult Education	0	0
Earnings on Investments		
Interest	44,500	44,500
Pupil Activities	0	0
Other		
Rental of Facilities	3,000	3,000
Transportation Fees	30,000	30,000
Milk & Lunch Program	337,967	385,222
ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$1,464,440	\$1,677,733
DISTRICT ASSESSMENT	\$19,156,263	\$19,930,639
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$20,620,703	\$21,608,372

THE REAL COST OF EDUCATING BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MANCHESTER

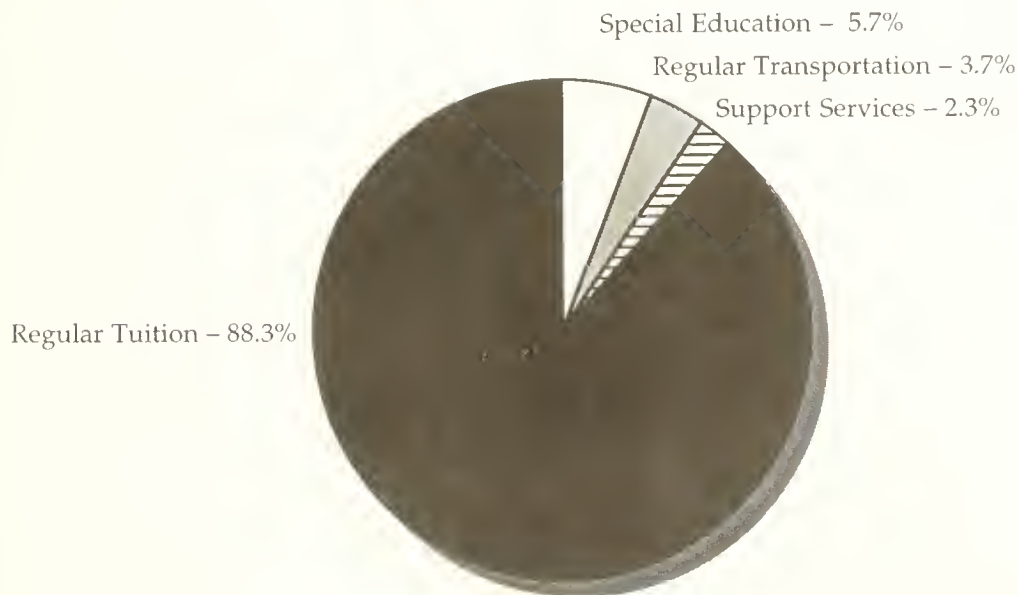
We commonly equate the cost of educating Bedford high school students with the per pupil tuition amount that is billed by the Manchester School District. What is not generally known or understood is that there are numerous programs and services that Manchester provides at an additional cost and/or that the Bedford School District provides which are not part of the basic contract with Manchester.

While we cannot accurately estimate the cost of indirect services provided to our high school population on the part of administrative personnel, the total of \$4,664,926 is a more accurate reflection of high school costs in Manchester.

The total cost, therefore, to the Bedford School District for the education of high school students in Manchester can be summarized as follows based on the proposed 1998/99 budget:

Regular Tuition	\$4,117,740
Regular Transportation	170,328
Special Education (salaries, supplies, tuition, transportation)	267,914
Support Services (guidance, LRS, speech, occupational & physical therapy, psychological services)	<u>108,944</u>
	\$4,664,926

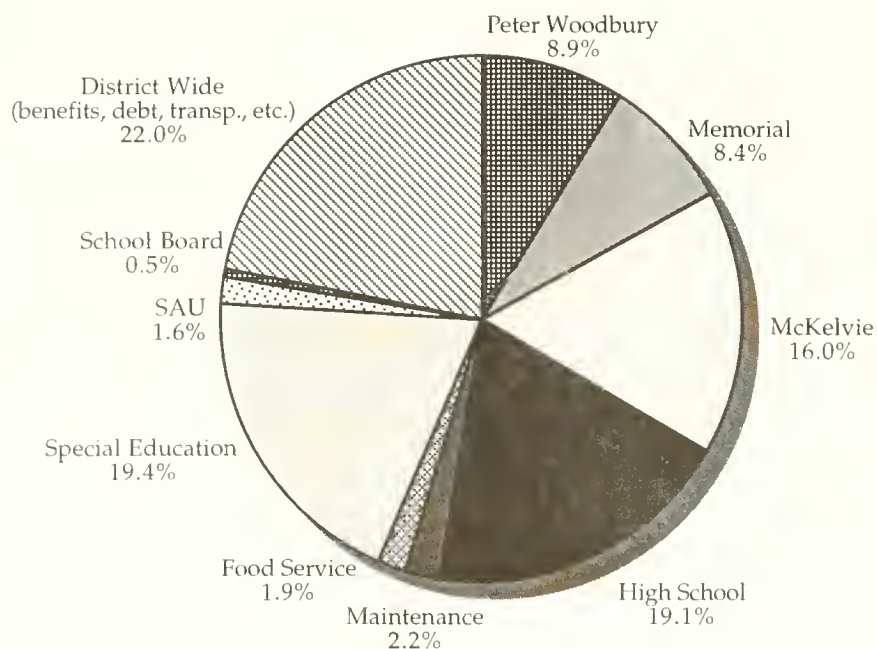
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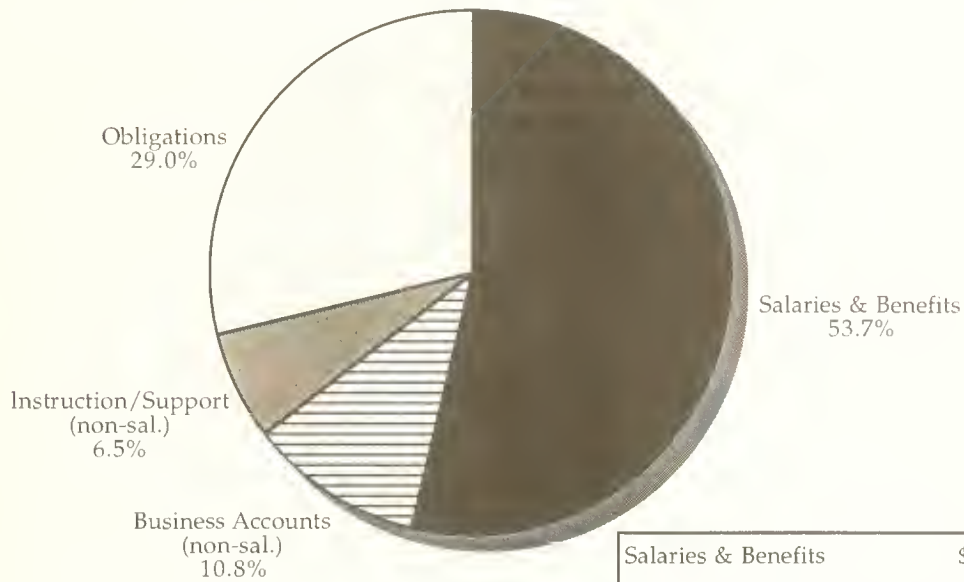
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1998-99

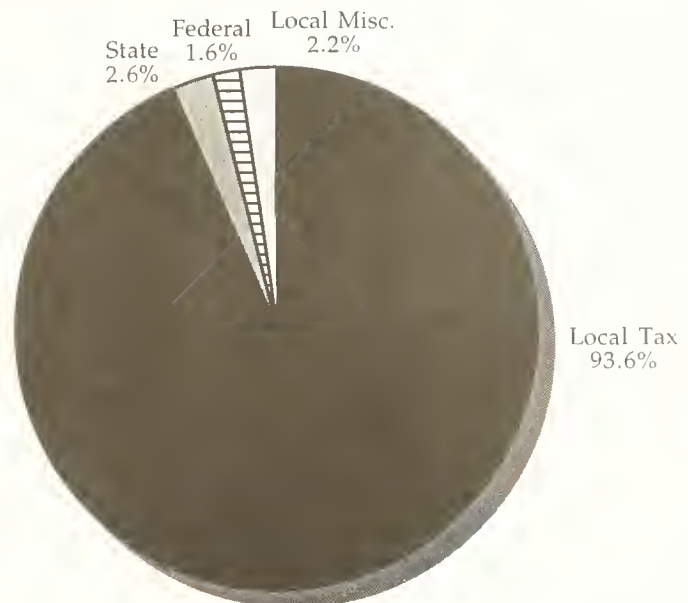
The following is an analysis of the proposed school district budget:



The above analysis of the budget allocates costs to the schools, departments, and programs for which they are incurred. The chart provides a quick visual comparison of the total budget.

EXPENSE ANALYSIS**1998-99**

Salaries & Benefits	\$11,602,658	53.7%
Obligations	6,264,335	29.0%
Tuition-MHSW	\$4,117,740	
Tuition-Other	1,590,882	
Debt Services	555,713	
Instruction/Support (Non.Sal.)	1,404,709	6.5%
Business Accounts (Non.-Sal.)	2,336,670	10.8%
TOTAL	\$21,608,372	100.0%

REVENUE ANALYSIS**1998-99**

State	\$562,075	2.6%
Federal	344,236	1.6%
Local Misc.	471,422	2.2%
Local Tax	20,230,639	93.6%
TOTAL	\$21,608,372	100.0%

RESIDENT SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

9/97

SCHOOL	K	Gr.1	Gr.2	Gr.3	Gr.4	Gr.5	Gr.6	Gr.7	Gr.8	Gr.9	Gr.10	Gr.11	Gr.12	Total	Yr.'96
Peter Woodbury	174	250	271											695	687
Memorial				277	270									547	505
McKelvie						248	253	253	210					964	947
West High										194	186	196	162	738	717
Central High										1				1	2
Memorial High										1	2	4	1	8	3
Bishop Guertin										6	7	1	3	17	19
Calvary Christian								2	1	2				5	0
Concord Christian							1		1	2	2			6	7
Derryfield								4	4	8	11	6	7	40	49
Faith Christian	1	4	2	3	4	1	3	2	2					22	21
Grace Christian	1	3	1	3	2	1								11	11
Mount St. Mary	2	4	1											7	3
Phillips Exeter										2	1		2	5	5
St. Paul's										1	2		1	4	6
Trinity										23	22	21	24	90	83
Villa Augustina	3	6	4	3	3	1	3	6	1					30	20
West Side Catholic	2		1	1	2	1	4							11	11
*Other	101	5	5	8	10	9	5	6	6	9	17	9	13	203	183
Total	284	272	285	295	291	261	269	273	225	249	250	237	213	3404	3279

BOND MATURITY SCHEDULE

<u>Project</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Retirement</u>
PWS/Memorial	\$325,000	\$975,000	1999/2000

COMPARATIVE ENROLLMENTS

Class Size

Each year, the school board and the superintendent receive questions regarding class size and pupil-teacher ratios. The Bedford School District continues to maintain favorable class sizes. Research indicates that class size is important to the educational quality of a school district. Class size impacts student achievement, attitude, self-concept, social development, and work habits. Appropriate class size contributes to a positive classroom atmosphere, learning, high teacher morale, positive relations between students and teachers, and an increase in parent-teacher contact. Favorable class size allows for individualization of instruction, an increase in motivation to learn, and a variety of instructional methods which provide for higher cognitive development.

While the state minimum standards allow up to 25 students per class in grades K-2, and 30 students per class in grade 3-8, the Bedford School District is currently at 22 or less in grades preschool through 4, and 26 or less in grades 5-8. The comparative enrollment chart below indicates that the average, overall class size will be maintained for the 1998/99 school year. Although some teachers are assisted by paraprofessionals, student teachers/interns, and/or volunteers, it is in the best interest of our students to maintain favorable pupil-teacher ratios. Even though class size and pupil-teacher ratios may edge up, the goal continues to be one that allows teachers to be able to meet the needs of students, and to provide the individualized attention that students and parents have come to expect.

	Enrolled 9/9/97	Teachers	Average Class Size	Projected for 9/98	Teachers	Average Class Size
P	21	1	21	25	1	25
K	174	4	44 [†]	175	4	44 [†]
1	250	12	21	265	13	20
2	271	13	21	263	13	20
3	277	13	21	287	14	21
4	270	13	21	284	14	20
Sub Total	1263	56		1299	59	
5	248	10	25	281	11	26
6	253	10	25	251	10	25
7	253	10	25	249	10	25
8	210	9	23	252	10	25
Sub Total	964	39		1033	41	
Grand Total	2227	95		2332	100	

[†]Divided between a.m. and p.m. sessions

BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Salaries 1997/1998

Board Chairperson	\$ 250	Grade 2 Teacher	\$46,862
Board V Chairperson	250	Grade 2 Teacher	25,644
School Board Member	250	Grade 2 Teacher	47,462
School Board Member	250	Grade 2 Teacher	35,012
School Board Member	250	Grade 2 Teacher	43,762
District Treasurer	1,250	Grade 2 Teacher	45,512
District Moderator	15	Grade 2 Teacher	30,674
District Clerk	35	Grade 3 Teacher	46,862
Superintendent	74,924	Grade 3 Teacher	26,486
Assistant Superintendent	68,642	Grade 3 Teacher	48,362
Business Administrator	58,520	Grade 3 Teacher	25,644
Building Principal	63,407	Grade 3 Teacher	28,092
Building Principal	60,290	Grade 3 Teacher	29,592
Building Principal	60,590	Grade 3 Teacher	49,112
Assistant Principal	50,000	Grade 3 Teacher	46,412
Assistant Principal	48,000	Grade 3 Teacher	27,594
Director Special Services	52,000	Grade 3 Teacher	36,512
Director Transportation	16,200	Grade 3 Teacher	47,612
Director Maintenance	43,793	Grade 3 Teacher	42,312
Director Food Services	23,200	Grade 3 Teacher	27,594
Director of Technology	52,000	Grade 4 Teacher	49,862
Instructional Specialist	52,862	Grade 4 Teacher	49,112
Instructional Specialist	52,000	Grade 4 Teacher	49,112
Curriculum Facilitator	1,500	Grade 4 Teacher	49,112
Curriculum Facilitator	1,500	Grade 4 Teacher	34,262
Curriculum Facilitator	1,500	Grade 4 Teacher	48,362
Curriculum Facilitator	1,500	Grade 4 Teacher	42,262
Kindergarten Teacher	26,844	Grade 4 Teacher	27,594
Kindergarten Teacher	30,103	Grade 4 Teacher	42,262
Kindergarten Teacher	43,762	Grade 4 Teacher	43,262
Kindergarten Teacher	27,894	Grade 4 Teacher	43,512
Grade 1 Teacher	46,862	Grade 4 Teacher	31,603
Grade 1 Teacher	45,212	Grade 4 Teacher	49,862
Grade 1 Teacher	47,612	Grade 5 Teacher	45,662
Grade 1 Teacher	39,057	Grade 5 Teacher	32,059
Grade 1 Teacher	48,662	Grade 5 Teacher	46,862
Grade 1 Teacher	47,612	Grade 5 Teacher	35,012
Grade 1 Teacher	25,644	Grade 5 Teacher	26,844
Grade 1 Teacher	29,592	Grade 5 Teacher	34,262
Grade 1 Teacher	43,012	Grade 5 Teacher	48,362
Grade 1 Teacher	26,486	Grade 5 Teacher	25,644
Grade 1 Teacher	35,012	Grade 5 Teacher	49,862
Grade 1 Teacher	35,785	Grade 5 Teacher	26,844
Grade 2 Teacher	44,462	Grade 6 Teacher	50,612
Grade 2 Teacher	25,736	Grade 6 Teacher	25,644
Grade 2 Teacher	29,094	Grade 6 Teacher	49,862
Grade 2 Teacher	34,309	Grade 6 Teacher	25,736
Grade 2 Teacher	43,262	Grade 6 Teacher	50,612
Grade 2 Teacher	47,162	Grade 6 Teacher	47,612

Grade 6 Teacher	\$49,862	Learning Disabilities Teacher	\$25,644
Grade 6 Teacher	44,462	Learning Disabilities Teacher	45,012
Grade 6 Teacher	45,962	Learning Disabilities Teacher	45,512
Grade 6 Teacher	29,094	Learning Resource Specialist	40,382
Grade 7 Teacher	34,309	Learning Resource Specialist	49,412
Grade 7 Teacher	45,262	Librarian	41,562
Grade 7 Teacher	49,862	Librarian	48,662
Grade 7 Teacher	48,362	Music Teacher	46,862
Grade 7 Teacher	49,112	Music Teacher	46,862
Grade 7 Teacher	44,762	Music Teacher	42,012
Grade 7 Teacher	27,594	Music Teacher	47,612
Grade 7 Teacher	27,894	Occupational Therapist (job share)	17,881
Grade 7 Teacher	48,362	Occupational Therapist (job share)	21,906
Grade 7 Teacher	24,236	Health Educator	25,644
Grade 8 Teacher	35,762	Physical Education Teacher	46,862
Grade 8 Teacher	49,862	Physical Education Teacher	33,512
Grade 8 Teacher	27,594	Physical Education Teacher	42,012
Grade 8 Teacher	47,612	Physical Education Teacher	42,312
Grade 8 Teacher	38,785	Reading Specialist	47,462
Grade 8 Teacher	49,112	Reading Specialist	45,812
Grade 8 Teacher	47,612	Reading Specialist	44,512
Grade 8 Teacher	49,112	Reading Specialist	49,112
Grade 8 Teacher	49,862	Resource Room Teacher	32,924
Art Teacher	49,862	Resource Room Teacher	50,162
Art Teacher	49,112	Resource Room Teacher	44,462
Art Teacher	43,262	Resource Room Teacher	40,557
Art Teacher	26,844	Resource Room Teacher	46,712
Computer Science	40,557	Resource Room Teacher	46,262
Computer Science	49,112	Resource Room Teacher	37,285
Integration/Behavior	27,894	SEP/BEEP Teacher	36,632
Integration/Behavior	26,394	SEP/Intg. Prog. Teacher	40,062
Integration/Behavior (job share)	20,654	Speech Teacher	29,094
Integration/Behavior (job share)	14,677	Speech Teacher	50,912
Itinerant Teacher	48,362	Speech Teacher	45,512
Foreign Language Teacher	27,894	Nurse	22,556
Foreign Language Teacher	32,809	Nurse	26,788
Foreign Language Teacher	40,557	Nurse	20,263
Foreign Language Teacher	29,094	Computer Technician	15,838
Foreign Language Teacher	42,762	Paraprofessional	11,706
S.E.E.D. Teacher	44,512	Paraprofessional	7,964
S.E.E.D. Teacher	45,512	Paraprofessional	10,059
Guidance Counselor	45,512	Paraprofessional	7,466
Guidance Counselor	50,612	Paraprofessional	7,693
Guidance Counselor	47,462	Paraprofessional	10,471
Guidance Counselor	49,862	Paraprofessional	10,471
Community Youth Worker	50,612	Paraprofessional	3,033
Home Economics	47,912	Paraprofessional	10,059
Home Economics	46,862	Paraprofessional	10,471
Technology Ed Teacher (IA)	41,262	Paraprofessional	6,732
Technology Ed Teacher (IA)	37,382	Paraprofessional	10,059
Learning Disabilities Teacher	37,382	Paraprofessional	10,295
Learning Disabilities Teacher	42,312	Paraprofessional	12,530
Learning Disabilities Teacher	37,285	Paraprofessional	9,412
Learning Disabilities Teacher	32,924	Paraprofessional	10,647

Paraprofessional	\$11,294	Clerk	\$16,673
Paraprofessional	13,765	Clerk	13,823
Paraprofessional	11,706	Maintenance	26,520
Paraprofessional	9,530	Maintenance	25,792
Paraprofessional	9,706	Maintenance	25,064
Paraprofessional	3,665	Head Custodian	26,832
Paraprofessional	7,240	Head Custodian	27,560
Paraprofessional	10,883	Head Custodian	27,560
Paraprofessional	9,706	Custodian Part Time	6,408
Paraprofessional	12,942	Custodian Full Time	25,064
Paraprofessional	12,706	Custodian Full Time	22,152
Paraprofessional	12,294	Custodian Full Time	21,008
Paraprofessional	9,765	Custodian Full Time	27,248
Paraprofessional	11,059	Custodian Full Time	18,512
Paraprofessional	13,353	Custodian Full Time	22,152
Paraprofessional	9,412	Custodian Full Time	25,064
Paraprofessional	10,000	Custodian Full Time	20,280
Paraprofessional	10,647	Custodian Full Time	25,064
Paraprofessional	12,942	Custodian Full Time	23,608
Paraprofessional	9,765	Custodian Full Time	24,336
Paraprofessional	7,680	Custodian Full Time	23,608
Paraprofessional	7,919	Hot Lunch Group 1	11,286
Paraprofessional	10,059	Hot Lunch Group 1	10,908
Paraprofessional	9,765	Hot Lunch Group 1	11,970
Paraprofessional	9,765	Hot Lunch Group 2	9,630
Paraprofessional	11,059	Hot Lunch Group 2	6,615
Paraprofessional	13,765	Hot Lunch Group 2	3,672
Paraprofessional	7,566	Hot Lunch Group 2	9,630
Paraprofessional	13,236	Hot Lunch Group 2	9,603
Paraprofessional	9,530	Hot Lunch Group 2	4,379
Library Assistant	16,155	Hot Lunch Group 2	5,373
Library Assistant	16,155	Hot Lunch Group 2	5,946
Library Assistant	15,029	Hot Lunch Group 2	7,857
Chapter I Reading	7,252	Hot Lunch Group 2	4,379
Chapter I Reading	11,270	Hot Lunch Group 2	2,772
Chapter I Reading	7,252	Hot Lunch Group 2	8,667
Chapter I Reading	8,140	Hot Lunch Group 2	4,293
Chapter I Reading	8,140	Hot Lunch Group 2	5,238
Chapter I Reading	11,960	Hot Lunch Group 2	2,402
Math Tutor	7,650	Hot Lunch Group 2	2,341
Math Tutor	9,450	Hot Lunch Group 2	9,045
Math Tutor	7,695		
Math Tutor	7,920		
DP Support Coordinator	16,900		
Secretary	9,584		
Secretary	26,130		
Secretary	26,130		
Secretary	16,530		
Secretary	26,130		
Secretary	29,543		
Secretary	27,983		
Secretary	24,570		
Bookkeeper	26,637		
Clerk	18,219		

BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Vendors 1996/1997

A.G.C.	\$ 127.00	Bedford Public Library	\$ 18.90
A.M. Fridays	483.40	Bedford Rec. Department	50.00
ABC School Supply	419.71	Bedford Village Morning Sch	1,450.00
Academic Ind	34.00	Bedford Youth Performing Co	300.00
Academic Therapy Pbl	64.90	Behavioral Ped's & Family	24,415.00
Active Parenting	97.56	Beland Water Testing Lab	1,853.00
Addison-Wesley Publishing	2,680.92	Bellemore Heating	9,909.96
Advanced Systems	150.00	Bennington School	6,417.83
Agway	165.51	Berg Christian Enterprises	293.35
AICE	99.00	Better Forms & Systems	1,193.40
AIMS Ed. Foundation	266.06	Biedrzycki, Joe	82.98
Albee's On Amherst	208.04	Binette, Thomas	3,700.00
Allard Service & Sales	708.75	Bittner, Laurie	29.98
Alliance for Comm. Media	195.00	Bixby, Lois	206.25
Allsafe & Lock	2,129.90	Blakes Creamery	47,464.83
Alphagraphics	7,562.55	Blue Ribbon Property	5,800.00
Ambrose Video Publishing	84.95	Bob Jones University Press	168.14
AASA	929.20	Boffey and Lutter	2,260.03
Am. Assoc. of Teachers	21.95	Bohan, Tami	21.37
Am. Guidance Service	690.12	Bohan, Todd	46.31
American Red Cross	145.00	Bolick, Teresa	380.00
Am. School Food Service	67.00	Books, Nooks & Krannies	1,435.00
Amherst Equipment	498.76	Boston Mutual Life Ins	1,321.50
Amoskeag Airport Service	1,288.00	Bouyea-Fassetts Bakery	6,452.44
AMSCO, Publications	757.05	Brentwood Machine Sales	1,020.53
Apple Computer	69,817.70	Brodart, Inc	3,026.28
ARC Electrostatic Painting	660.00	Brookline Books	18.45
Arcomm Communications	567.22	BSN Sports	1,544.37
Armstrong Heating & Power	150.00	Bureau for At Risk Youth	85.16
Art Supplies Wholesale	2,132.15	Callahan, Gail	270.00
ASBO International	125.00	Callahan, Mary	1,000.00
Asbury, Jamie	25.00	Cambridge Development Lab ...	259.10
ASCD	246.56	Cambridge Educational	98.00
Atlas Pen and Pencil Corp	69.19	Cambridge PE & Health	65.89
Aubin Hardware	2,555.17	Cameron Office Products	530.26
Audio Master	10.00	Camp Passaconaway	2,169.00
Audio-Tech Business Books	135.00	Campus America	10,200.00
Axiom Information Resources	29.80	Campus Consultant Group	1,750.00
B&H Photo-Video	586.53	Capitol Plumbing & Heating	200.00
B-B Chain	187.00	Card, Isabel	105.68
Bagnell & Socha	57.50	Career Track	290.00
Banach, Banach & Cassidy	26.25	Carlex	139.45
Banner Systems	3,291.38	Carlin, Pauline	66.50
Barnes & Noble	286.56	Carolina Biological Supply	630.83
Barnes Boffee	520.00	Casco Food Equipment	1,149.65
Beacon Mental Health Assoc	810.00	Catholic Medical Center	75.00
Beckley-Cardy Company	894.56	CED Twin State Electric	124.97
Bedford Firefighters Assoc	52.00	Center for Applied Psychology ..	103.25
Bedford Golfland	200.00	Center for Eff. Comm	87.50

Central Paper Products	\$14,208.05	Day-Timers	\$ 20.90
Certified Wholesalers	183.51	D.C. Heath & Company	86.47
Chapel Hill	28,411.70	Delta Education	1,148.59
C.H. Calloway House	175.38	Demco, Inc	782.28
CHCH Bookstore	17.53	Desrosiers, Apryll	600.00
Child Craft Education	190.86	Development Therapy	15,963.75
CIC Systems	1,704.00	Didax, Inc	65.16
Cisco Systems	17,162.39	Dieter, Alberta.....	71.25
Claris Works Users Group	44.90	Dieter, M. Ralph	71.25
Coastal Refining & Marketing	27,593.76	Digital Equipment Corp	3,783.27
Cobblestone Publications	247.28	Disney Educational Prod	199.00
Coca-Cola Bottling Company	9,993.50	Diversified Computers	39,548.98
Comiskey, Margaret	66.50	Diversified Micro Services	360.00
Communication Skills Builders...	436.09	Don Johnston Inc	66.80
Community Newsdealers	60.00	Don Sales of Greenville NH	3,433.90
Compensation Funds of NH	56,323.47	Don Wheeler Construction	3,680.00
CompuMaster	258.00	Dramatic Publishing	24.83
Computer Mart of NH	703.25	Duck, Elizabeth	900.00
Concord Fire Ext. Service	591.70	Eagle Hill School	281,726.92
Concord School District	3,752.29	Ear, Nose & Throat Spec	85.00
Connell Auto Leasing	225.00	Ebsco Subscription Services	1,718.82
Consolidated Electric	32,745.29	Edmark	87.89
Constructive Playthings.....	37.31	Education Development	1,000.00
Convenient Med Care	1,586.50	Education Week	629.94
Conway Office Products	12,847.43	Educational Enrichment	76.73
Costa Fruit & Produce	39,823.98	Educational Insight	72.21
Cotting School, Inc	11,310.22	Educational Record Center	308.36
Council for Exceptional	74.00	Educational Research	79.20
Craftsman Press	313.54	Educational Resources	140.64
Cran Barry, Inc	187.90	Educational Testing Service	60.00
C.R.E.A.	325.00	Educational Vistas	33,825.88
Creative Classrooms.....	2,276.80	Educators Outlet	246.45
Creative Learning Press	75.70	Educators Publishing Service	1,191.23
Creative Publications	785.29	Elan Publishing	347.33
Creative Teaching Assoc	244.20	Elcom Supply Company	167.12
Creed Company	998.13	Eldridge Publishing	54.50
Crescent Tipping Linen	2,269.26	Emblem & Badge	173.70
Crest/Good Mfg. Company	192.81	Emergency Battery Maint	845.10
Crestwood Company	108.61	Empire Sheet Metal	30.00
Criteria Inc	1,915.20	EMSR, Inc	1,940.00
Crotched Mt. Rehabilitation	249,501.47	Energy North Natural Gas	18,341.31
Crystal Spring Books	188.59	Energy North Propane	1,405.60
CTB/McGraw Hill	2,913.39	ETA/Div. Daigger & Company..	1,047.51
Cuisenaire Co. of America	992.53	Excalibur Security	10,502.50
Curran, Kitty	74.80	F.W. Webb	1,721.43
Currier Lumber	809.38	Fas-Track	16,202.06
Curriculum Associates	408.43	Felix Septic Service	5,037.24
Custom Electric	115.60	Fifth Third Bank	105,300.00
Dale Seymour Publications	1,569.17	Film Archives	495.07
D'Amato, Denise	588.71	Finn, Paul	416.00
Dandy Lion Publications	34.98	First NH Investment Services	7,084.00
Dartek Computer Supply	538.00	Follett Library Book Company....	8,270.52
Data Research	213.75	Folsom, Betty	89.06
Davis, Towle, Gearan	26,209.00	Foresman, Scott	450.54

Forest T. Jones Company	\$ 1,861.92	Heath, Kenneth	950.00
Forestry Supply Company	508.63	Heinemann	\$ 95.82
Frank Schaffer Publications	347.72	Hertz Furniture	228.23
Frey Scientific	178.83	Highbridge Company	113.00
Friedman, Barbara	50.00	Highsmith Company	839.56
Frog Publications	84.75	Hillyard Company	17,480.76
Gardner, Susan	50.00	Holyoke News Company	988.41
Gaylord Brothers	299.93	Home Depot	375.75
G.E. Supply	111.31	Honeywell Inc	215.00
GEMS	45.00	Horton, Lauren	64.10
Geoghegan, Emily	138.75	Houde, Carol	16,988.00
Gerard Lefebvre Insurance	715.00	Houghton Mifflin Company	1,585.10
Gessler Publishing	379.70	Hudson School District	3,244.12
Geyer Instructional Aids	407.70	Human Relations Media	559.12
Gibbe's Garage	1,111.60	Ideal	145.76
Glencoe-MacMillan/McGraw	424.79	Iditarod Trail Committee	108.90
Globe Fearon	247.33	Ikon Office Solutions.....	1,055.25
Glover, Estelle	107.00	Incentives for Learning	320.93
Glover, Jonathan	324.00	Indian Head Athletics	3,037.88
GMX, Inc	241.07	Industrial Arts Supply	426.10
Goedecke Decorating	1,608.39	Information Access	795.00
Goffstown Truck Center	1,029,951.48	Institute for Math Mania	325.29
Golden Books	46.80	Instructional Fair	278.86
Goodridge, Tim	100.00	Insty Prints of Bedford	40.50
Goodrum's Gym Service	9,574.50	Interaction Publishers	311.30
GPN	299.50	Internal Revenue Service	3,312.54
Granite State Acoustics	35,095.00	Interstate Restaurant	1,955.02
Granite State Fruit Company	11,398.80	J. W. Pepper	1,170.66
Granite State Office	55.81	J. Weston Walch, Publisher	165.49
Granite State Stamps	30.00	J.L. Hammett Company.....	10,860.92
Grant, Robin	95.00	J.P. Chemical	50.00
Great Activities Publishing	84.59	Jalmar Press	98.78
Great Books Foundation	113.02	Jeffrey Norton Publishing	112.85
Great State Beverages	6,223.27	Jenkins Construction	8,500.00
Greenland's Corporation	54.00	John Pepper Corporation	400.00
Grolen Communications	16,630.40	Johnson Controls	40,256.60
Grolier Educational Corp	1,933.99	Kalwall	7,452.84
Grolier Publishing	174.77	Kane, Janine	200.00
Grove School	35,573.00	Kayem Foods	1,816.80
Grow Publications	116.63	Kelleher, John	135.00
Guiney, Mary	99.75	Kelvin Electronics	618.43
H.P. Kopplemann Inc	301.76	Keystone Press	368.00
Hallsmith-Sysco Food Service	41,953.38	Kids Discover	39.95
Hannay, M.L.	529.00	Kinko's	1,503.35
Hanover Hill Siding	125.00	Knowledge Unlimited	170.48
Hanrahan, Linda	700.00	Kompan Northeast	180.00
Harbor Schools	69,071.92	Kompan/Bigtoys NE	575.00
Harcourt, Brace & Company	10,504.57	Krinsky, Gary	517.00
Harper, Gary	49.78	Kwik Kopy Printing	67.52
Harris Equipment Repair	86.94	Lago & Sons Dairy	8,501.64
Harris, Martha	150.00	Lake Morey Inn	200.00
Harvard University	1,303.00	Lakes Region Occup. Therapy....	375.00
Hawthorne	400.80	Lakeshore Learning Materials	1,182.51
Hearlihy & Company	589.80	Lakeshore Lanes	28.00

Laliberte, James	47.50	ME ASBO Tri-State	45.00
Lamotte Chemical Company	\$ 138.83	MEP	220.00
Land O'Lakes	797.85	Merrill, Florence	85.50
Landis Meat Company	657.60	Merrimack Education Center	2,417.20
Landmark School	37,700.00	Merrimack School District	34,955.06
Language & Cognitive Dev	59,570.35	Merrimack Valley Business	1,343.00
Language Circle Enterprises	544.50	Michaud, Mr. and Mrs. Paul	300.00
Larchmont Irrigation	187.08	Michie	67.69
LaSalle Bank of Lisle	128,652.55	Michigan First Aid & Safety	205.48
Lavallee/Brensinger Prof	9,590.85	Microcosmos	212.00
Learning Links	115.04	Micrograms Software	855.00
LeClair Roofing	920.00	Midwest Systems	2,097.00
Lego Dacta	1,122.01	Miller, Beatrice	87.87
Lennon, Donna	240.00	Miller, Christine	60.00
Lewis-Hawkins, Charlotte	175.00	Millipore Corporation	403.00
Lexia Learning Systems	265.00	Min-A-Print	856.40
LHS Associates	2,465.78	Minnesota Mutual Life	284.00
Library Video Company	720.64	Misco Maintenance Supply	35,261.64
Lighthouse School	72,928.89	Mobile Com-Boston	658.38
Linqui-Systems	281.58	Modern Curriculum	5,183.04
Locke Office Products	743.00	Modern Janitorial Supply	38.00
Louisville Badminton	113.55	Modern School Supplies	520.38
Lovett, William	250.00	Monadnock Mt. Water	156.30
LRP Publications	235.00	Monterosso, Karen	358.48
Luisa's Italian Pizzerias	11,877.10	Moore Business Products	714.69
Lunchbyte Systems	605.00	Multi-Cultural Audio Video	48.50
Mac-Durgin Business Systems	3,138.99	Museum Products	50.00
Mackin Company	2,498.88	Music Time	550.46
MacMall	674.95	N.E. Mathematics League	100.00
Magazine Subscription Services..	519.01	NHASEA	205.00
Magee, Henry	85.49	NH Historical Society	64.45
Magee, Jean	68.87	NH Industrial Repair	469.00
Mailways	172.52	NH Municipal Association	1,239,805.82
Majestic Sales	262.50	NH Retirement	614,221.72
Manchester News	96.25	NH School Board Trust	60.00
Manchester School District	3,918,443.75	NHASP	2,390.00
Manchester Sch. Technology	100.00	Nancibell Inc	128.63
Manchester Water Works	1,129.81	NASCO	5,667.11
Mar-Co Products	15.95	Nashua Adult Learning	3,365.00
Markwell Equipment	140.00	National Geographic Society	1,112.80
Marshall Cavendish Corp	804.07	National Assoc. of Sch. Psy.	79.60
Martinez, Angel	95.50	National Pediculosis Assoc	62.00
Massco Inc	2,830.52	National School Products	125.90
Mast Road & Grain	370.46	National Textbook Company	64.95
Math Criterion Center	199.34	NBI	301.00
May, Anne	250.00	NCTM	107.97
Mayer-Johnson Company	165.00	Neighborhood Publications	1,226.70
McCarthy, Karen	80.00	NESDEC	810.00
McDonald, Suzanne	40.00	Nest Entertainment	174.70
McFadden, Richard	100.00	Neverett's Sew & Vac	363.95
McGraw-Hill School Division	6,157.33	NE Door Closer	306.00
MCI	285.13	NE Duplicator	1,794.85
McIntire Business Products	2,690.72	NE Lawn Irrigation	206.45
McMillan, Robert	\$ 300.00	NH Recharge Service	\$ 74.00

New Hampton School	82,791.25	Plodzik & Sanderson	3,800.00
Newbridge Ed Publishing	289.52	Plourde, Sally	340.00
NHASBO	60.00	Postmaster	1,237.00
NHOM	500.00	Preis, Karen	140.00
NHSAA	3,785.18	Prentice Hall	1,149.05
NHSBA	4,474.60	Pro Landscape Supply	413.50
NHSBIT Unemp. Corporation ...	6,861.00	Pro-Ed	892.00
No. Essex Mental Health	1,595.00	Products of World Press	18.47
Northeast Airgas	380.68	Psychological & Educational	39.08
Northeast Audio Visual	7,509.65	Psychological Assessment	81.40
Northeast Publishing	89.00	Psychological Corporation	1,391.07
Nova Electronics Data	2,342.00	Public Service Company	166,360.89
NTI Data Products	300.23	Publishing Library Service	252.07
Nutrikids	510.00	Pyramid Art Supply	87.23
Nynex	30,056.77	Queen City Glass & Mirror	5,858.08
Nystrom	1,590.65	R&L Supplies	313.60
O.T. Kids	132.50	R. Lamora Psy. Association	190.00
Oak Valley Farms	128.00	R.C. Hazelton Company	880.21
Odyssey of the Mind Products...	225.40	Radio Shack	138.81
Officeland	2,064.78	Ray's Refrigeration Service	175.00
Officemax	2,058.79	Raymond Geddes & Company...	260.04
Offtech	17,179.50	Re-Print Corporation	89.72
OM Association	270.00	Record Books	346.45
Online Class	180.00	Regional Services & Education ...	101,034.55
Options, Inc	72.47	Reliable Corporation	798.52
Oriental Trading Company.....	202.45	Resource Net International	13,989.28
Ouelette, Norm	71.25	Ricoh Corporation	7,251.00
P&T Container Service	2,017.00	Rigby	129.60
Paper Direct	42.85	Riverbend Community Health ...	23.25
Paperbacks for Educators	224.20	Rocky Mountain Sports	135.83
PAR, Inc	198.00	Rosencrantz	316.80
Parts & Pieces Unlimited	2,241.00	Rourke Publishing Group	47.85
Pasquino, Ernest	73.62	Roy, Kitty	85.49
Passon Sports	1,183.12	Roy, Roger	85.49
Paul's Refrigeration	1,404.00	RPF Associates	2,880.00
PC Authority	16,787.50	Ruchin, Bernard	92.62
PC Connection	534.85	Ruthann's Homebaked Conf	941.75
PC's Compleat	109.94	Ryan's Automotive	285.76
Peace Education Foundation	304.85	S&H Construction	885.00
Peg Hoenack's Music Works	223.13	Saddleback Education	117.10
People's Publishing Group	262.34	Sagon, Nancy	9,760.00
Perkins School for the Blind	250.00	Sanel Auto Parts	318.19
PermaBond Books	565.12	Sassi Institute	160.00
Personal Computer Authority	345.50	Sax Arts & Crafts	875.02
Peterson's	103.42	Sax Family & Consumer	102.77
Phi Delta Kappa	35.00	Scantron Corporation	580.00
Phoenix Network, Inc	1,876.73	Schnee, Alan	4,600.99
Pianoarts	120.00	Schmitchen, Edith	97.37
Pine Ridge School	68,400.00	Scholastic Book Clubs	229.72
Pine Valley Links	150.00	Scholastic, Inc	610.89
Pinkerton Academy	7,947.21	School Health Supply	352.46
Pitney Bowes	485.68	School Specialty	25,335.28
Pitco, Inc	301.42	School-Tech, Inc	239.18
Plantier, Dick	\$ 455.00	Science Kit, Inc	\$ 193.28

Scott Electric	850.50	Tactile Signage	193.70
Scripps Howard National	43.50	Talarico	43.75
SDE Registrations	109.00	Tank Testing Service	450.00
Seal-Tec Asphalt Coating	4,446.00	Teach & Learn Shop	886.91
Seamans Supply Company	22,512.56	Teacher Created Materials	143.50
Secondwind Env. Corporation ...	1,000.00	Teacher's Discovery	790.02
Sedgwick, Norma	64.12	Teaching Resource Center	505.10
Semnet	64.95	Ted Herbert's Music Mart	1,804.45
SERESC	330,906.93	Terminix International	140.00
Serodio, Cheryl	100.00	The Booksource	961.53
Shawnie Press	235.09	The Boston Globe	1,873.40
Shop and Save	1,925.16	The Caption Connection	162.00
Simard, Pauline	16.62	The Education Center	33.45
Simon & Schuster	96.43	The Flower Cart	181.00
Simplex Time Recorder	3,564.50	The Garland Company	106.97
Sir Speedy	1,609.79	The George Johnson Company ...	2,255.58
Sitek-PC Outlet	823.00	The Green House Group	330.00
Slatoff & Ward	320.00	The Learning Team	369.77
Slosson Educational Pbl	910.80	The Master Teacher	130.00
Small Business Computers	70.00	The Math Learning Center	182.50
Snap Systems	1,165.06	The Network	258.50
Social Studies Sch. Service	1,335.23	The Parent Institute	84.24
Society for Visual Ed	181.85	The Pathway School	14,176.18
Sopris West	67.90	The Prudential Fitness Program..	55.40
Souhegan School District	1,100.00	The Psychological Corporation...	2,922.76
Soule, Leslie, Zelin, Sayward	40,046.28	The Reading Loft	124.85
South Central Association	45.00	The Riverside Publishing	7,047.93
South Paw Enterprises	23.76	The Speech Bin	28.50
Southern NH Reg. Medical	6,500.00	The Wright Group	319.66
SP&R Transportation	10,867.50	Terapro, Inc	430.85
Spinelli-Nannen, Antoinette	900.00	Thinking Publications	49.50
Spitzer, Ilene	506.60	Tice Associates	2,490.81
Sporttime	353.31	Toadstool Bookshop	4,208.34
SRA	1,864.67	Todd, Rita	53.43
St. Ann's Home	121,725.44	Tom Snyder Productions	1,030.25
St. Jean, Marjorie	71.25	Totalmed Leasing & Sales	1,268.06
Standard Service of NE	3,040.00	Town of Bedford	3,513.94
Staples	3,632.06	Town of Merrimack	250.00
State of NH	125.00	Transfac Funding	27.95
State Street Bank	194,570.00	Treasurer - State of NH	1,848.00
Steck-Vaughn Company	1,547.24	Treehouse, Inc	597.10
Stericycle	104.50	Trees Company	1,450.00
Steve's 101 Mobil	241.25	Tricon Publishing	117.05
Still's Nursery & Tractor	173.52	Tripp Lite	400.00
Student Ocean Challenge	90.00	Troll Associates	27.45
Summit Learning	909.31	Trombley, Erica	25.00
Sundance Paperback	362.56	Trustee of Trust Funds	50,000.00
Sunoco Credit Card Center	2,047.68	Tucker Library Interiors	1,315.00
Super Duper School Company ...	49.34	Tutoring & Inst. Services	6,300.00
Superior Saw	2,702.00	Tyrie, Sue	1,012.00
SVE	64.20	UNH at Manchester	180.00
Swift Water Girl Scouts	320.00	UNH Teef	200.00
Synergetics	71.34	Unicom Micoage	4,686.60
T.F. Moran, Inc	\$ 914.30	Union Leader Corporation	\$ 1,108.23

US Cellular	204.22
Upstart Library Promotionals....	53.33
Video Clinic	287.55
Video Lab	51.50
Virginia J. Inc	82.50
Vista Market	126.41
VMC Group	4,880.00
W.W. Grainger, Inc	707.80
Wadleigh, Starr, Peters	20,375.68
Wal-Mart Store	983.98
Warren St. Family Counseling	300.00
Waste Management	22,386.00
Wediko Children's Services	5,592.60
Weekly Reader Corporation	1,586.70
Welsh Products.....	1,328.26
Wesco Distribution.....	310.07
West High School	50.00
West Music	1,175.39
Western Psy. Services	357.50
Whole Math Project	263.56
White, Leslie	50.00
Wiggins Egg Service	5,637.15
William MacGill & Company	70.65
Williams, James	27.95
Windham School District	31,717.40
Witzell, Dorothy	71.25
Woelflein, Debbie	150.00
Wolverine	173.54
Woodland, Ron	550.00
Work Opp. Unlimited	21,788.62
World Almanac Ed Division	267.73
World Book Ed Products	2,759.00
Write Source/DC Heath	159.45
Writer Publications	119.90
Writer's Digest Books	210.24
WRQ	181.35
Yankee Electronics	500.60
Zaner-Bloser, Inc	825.34
100% Productions	207.80

GIFTS TO BEDFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997

The Bedford School District wishes to acknowledge the generosity of those who have contributed gifts or services for the betterment of our schools. Your thoughtfulness and support is greatly appreciated.

As this is the district's first attempt to recognize those who have contributed, we apologize to anyone we may have missed.

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>GIFT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Renee Martin	Microwave oven	Peter Woodbury
Bedford Men's Club	Occupational therapy equipment	Peter Woodbury
Shop 'N Save	Cider and apples	Peter Woodbury
Bedford PTG	Technology software	Peter Woodbury
Bedford PTG	Color scanner, printer, network software	Peter Woodbury
Wal Mart	\$300 for upkeep of Butterfly Garden	Peter Woodbury
Bedford PTG	\$500 for assembly bridging K/grade 1 curriculum units	Peter Woodbury
Renee Walsh	IBM 386 computer w/color monitor	Peter Woodbury
Bedford Men's Club	\$500 for Artist in Residence Program	Peter Woodbury
Bedford PTG	\$1,600 for Artist in Residence Program	Peter Woodbury
Bedford Craftworker's Guild	\$25 donation towards Artist in Residence Program	Peter Woodbury
NH College	Rolls of felt	Peter Woodbury
Citizen's Bank	\$374 refund from Credit Card Program	Peter Woodbury
Bedford Men's Club	Computer benches for kindergarten	Peter Woodbury
Diane McCauley/Family	Computer monitor & keyboard	Peter Woodbury
Bedford Mall	\$300 for Artist in Residence Program	Peter Woodbury
Bedford PTG/ORK Program	\$500 for Artist in Residence Program	Peter Woodbury
Bank of NH	\$100 for Artist in Residence Program	Peter Woodbury
Insty-Prints of Bedford	Services	Peter Woodbury
Once Upon a Time	Candy basket	Peter Woodbury
Sunshine Generation	Dance lessons	Peter Woodbury
Amherst Shoppe	Gund rabbit	Peter Woodbury
Geppetto's Toy Shoppe	Puppet	Peter Woodbury
Little Kids' Duds	Games	Peter Woodbury
Crystal Dry Cleaners	\$10 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Bedford Golfland	\$10 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Pizza Mia	\$25 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Pizza Bella	\$8 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Flower Cart	\$20 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury

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Bedford Mobil	\$25 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
E & R Laundry	\$30 in gift certificates	Peter Woodbury
Bedford Images	Family hair care basket	Peter Woodbury
Talbots	\$20 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Maloney Video	\$10 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Town & Country Market	Tee shirt	Peter Woodbury
Vista Foods	\$15 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
T-Bones Restaurant	\$20 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Bedford Deli	\$20 in gift certificates	Peter Woodbury
Shorty's Restaurant	\$15 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Downtown Car Care	\$25 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
American Lung Association	2 fun packs	Peter Woodbury
Adams Mills	Three toys	Peter Woodbury
Flower Cart	\$20 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Merrimack Ten Pin Lanes	\$6.75 game coupons	Peter Woodbury
Amherst Nursery	\$25 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Frederick's Pastries	\$16.95 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Foodee's Pizza	\$10 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Merrimack Jeweler's	\$20 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Mall of NH	\$20 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Johnny Angel's Restaurant	\$15 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
The Patchworks	\$15 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Agway, Inc.	\$15 gift certificate	Peter Woodbury
Bertucci's Restaurant	\$50 in gift certificates	Peter Woodbury
World of Science	Toy	Peter Woodbury
Anything But Old Hat	Umbrella	Peter Woodbury
Elegant Accents	Pillow	Peter Woodbury
J. Cote Gallery	Oil lamp	Peter Woodbury
Bedford Newcomers' Club	\$100 donation for garden upkeep	Peter Woodbury
The Woodworks Company	2 printers (1 NEC; 1 Epsom)	Peter Woodbury
Discovery Toys/Lori Bittner	\$250 for computer software	Peter Woodbury
Bedford PTG – Book Fair	\$1,280 donation towards books	Peter Woodbury
Bedford PTG	\$550 for John Farrel performances	Peter Woodbury
Matthew Thomas	IBMXT computer, monitor, printer	Peter Woodbury
Sarah Johnson	Box of pens	Peter Woodbury
Bedford Newcomers' Club	\$210 towards OT equipment	Peter Woodbury
Judith Lambert	\$500 donation	Peter Woodbury
Linda Hamstra	Telescope and rock tumbler	Memorial
Bedford PTG	\$2,500 for technology purchases	Memorial

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Prudential Securities	12 Ega color monitors	Memorial
Linda Bilodeau	CD ROM	Memorial
Sharon Fiedler	Miscellaneous software	Memorial
Liz Allen	Miscellaneous software	Memorial
Sue & Chuck Moran	Software	Memorial
Lisa Parker	Apple IIGS	Memorial
Jeffery Hudson	18 books	Memorial
Bedford PTC	\$350 for ORK Program (owl presentation)	Memorial
Bedford PTC	\$1,000 donation for Indian Program	Memorial
Shaheen Inauguration Comm.	Bus Transportation for 4 classes to attend inauguration	Memorial
Pam VanArsdale	\$200 donation towards library books	Memorial
Citizen's Bank	\$197.82 cash reimbursement for credit card program	Memorial
Memorial Sunshine Fund	Library books to honor Dr. Paludi's degree	Memorial
George Johnson	1 gross of pens	Memorial
Bedford Newcomers' Club	\$100 donation	Memorial
Memorial Sch. Student Council	\$500 donation	Memorial
Walnut Hill Insurance	Podium	McKelvie
Luisa's Pizza	Pizza boxes for storage	McKelvie
Sanders/Lockheed Corp.	Miscellaneous office equipment	McKelvie
Billie Harsch	Concert bells	McKelvie
U.S. Rep. John Sununu	US flag	McKelvie
Scott Pollock	Glassware for lab	McKelvie
Bob Schaeberle	\$3,000 for US FIRST team registration	McKelvie
Bedford Soccer League	\$50 donation to SADD Program	McKelvie
Taxpayers for Quality Ed	\$100 donation towards US FIRST Project	McKelvie
Jeffery Hudson	Triple-beam balance	McKelvie
Bedford Men's Club	\$400 holiday gift certificates	McKelvie
Junior Women's Club	\$300+ for holiday gifts	McKelvie
Presbyterian Church	\$300+ for holiday gifts	McKelvie
Ron & Barbara Gondek	\$300 for jerseys for McKelvie boys' basketball team	McKelvie
Jeffery Hudson	Assorted lab glassware and Dew point apparatus	McKelvie
Chalifour's Flowers & M/M D. Delisle	FHA corsages/boutonnieres	McKelvie
M/M Robert Eaton	National Geographics magazines	McKelvie
Chez Gilly Bakery	Pastry donation - French Class Unit	McKelvie

<u>DONOR</u>	<u>GIFT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
M/M Penner	10 cases/soda for 8th grade dance	McKelvie
Wal Mart	Gardening supplies for greenhouse	McKelvie
David Robetor - Merrimack Valley Physical Therapy	Physical trainer services for McKelvie sport teams	McKelvie
M/M Peter Hosker	\$100 towards Math Counts Program	McKelvie
Jeffery Hudson	1988 Mazda 8200 Truck	Maintenance
Prudential Securities	12 PC color monitors	District Wide
Gregg Joas	356 computer, fax	District Wide
Wal Mart	\$98.86 donation	District Wide
Bedford PTG	\$358.33 for Parent/Student Handbook	District Wide
Bedford Rotary	\$1,600 for high school scholarships for Bedford students	District Wide

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the School Board
Bedford School District
Bedford, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Bedford School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 1997 as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Bedford School District has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Bedford School District, as of June 30, 1997, for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Bedford School District taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed as schedules in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Bedford School District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

September 17, 1997

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NOTE: The complete audit is available for viewing in the SAU #25 office building.

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NOTES:



"THE END"
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Kristen Ferwerda, grade 5

Annual School District Meeting
McKelvie Middle School

TO BE HELD ON . . .

Wednesday, February 4, 1998, 7:00 p.m. - Session I (Deliberation)

Tuesday, March 10, 1998, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. - Session II (Ballot Vote)